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Kuwait expresses 'extreme indignation and concern over regrettable developments in Lebanon'

Syrians attack as Beirut dies in ash

Aoun claims victory; 'Hundreds killed'

KUWAIT, Aug 13. (Agencies): Kuwait expressed extreme indignation and concern today over the fighting in Lebanon and called on the Arab League to renew its efforts to end the bloodshed.

A cabinet statement urged the League's three-man committee on Lebanon to "follow up their sincere efforts to save Lebanon from its ordeal and to help peace and stability return to the land, revitalise its institutions and preserve its unity."

The statement expressed "extreme indignation and concern over the

regrettable developments in Lebanon."

At least 40 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in four days of almost non-stop artillery bombardments between Syrian and Christian-led forces in Beirut and nearby districts.

The Arab League committee, comprising the leaders of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, said two weeks ago that it had reached a deadend in its efforts to end the fighting.

Kuwait led an earlier Arab League mediation attempt which also ended in failure.

Palestinian leader Arafat says on Pages 15-22



Russians rock

More than 100,000 people flocked to Moscow's Lenin Stadium at the weekend for an unprecedented two-day rock festival against drug and alcohol abuse which some dubbed the Soviet "Woodstock".

Some of the best-known Western heavy metal groups, Bon Jovi, Ozzy Osbourne and the Scorpions, and up-and-coming Soviet bands Gorky Park and SSSR performed.

Two aboard Leland flight said missing

ADDIS ABABA, Aug 13. (UPI): US helicopters found the wreckage of a relief plane carrying representative Mickey Leland of Texas today and reported 14 of the 16 people aboard were killed and two were missing, the State Department said.

In Washington, Mary Swann, a spokeswoman for the Leland task force at the State Department, said the turboprop Ethiopian relief plane carrying Leland and his party to a refugee camp smashed into the side of a 5,600-foot (1,720 m) mountain about 20 miles (32 km) east of Fugnido, its original destination. The wreckage was spotted in heavy underbrush about 4,300 feet (1,320 m) up the mountain, Swann said.

It was not known whether Leland's body was among the confirmed dead.

The wreckage was sighted at 12:45 pm local time, or about 0945 GMT, Swann said.

White House spokesman Bill Harlow said President Bush, who was spending the weekend at Camp David, Maryland, was informed early this morning by National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

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Balloon falls out of sky, 13 dead

DARWIN, Australia, Aug 13. (Reuters): Thirteen people were killed today when a hot air balloon collapsed and plunged into the desert near Alice Springs, central Australia, police said.

The balloon fell out of the sky this morning when it folded up south of Alice Springs airport.

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Pakistan bid for hostages

'Israelis dead'

DUBAI, Aug 13. (Agencies): Pakistan is making a cautious attempt to solve the Lebanese hostage crisis and other quarrels between Tehran and Washington, Iranian political sources in the region said today.

Pakistan is one of the few countries with close ties to both Tehran and Washington. Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan is due to visit Iran on Wednesday to meet the President-elect Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The sources said Pakistan had offered Washington the minister's services as go-between but neither Iran nor the United States were expecting too much.

But Iran is viewing the visit only as a probing mission, the sources said today.

Rafsanjani has said Iran is willing to co-operate with the rest of the world on equal terms.

President Bush says relations cannot improve unless Iran uses its influence with Lebanese Shiite kidnappers to free American hostages.

The hostages have been at the centre of a new crisis since Israel kidnapped radical Shiite Lebanese cleric Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid.

In a related development the Israeli Army's chief spokesman said today he believes two Israeli soldiers held captive in Lebanon are still alive, despite a British newspaper report that they have been dead for more than three years.

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A family hides in an underground shelter in West Beirut as fierce fighting rages. (Reuter wirephoto)

Hysterical children vomit from fear in darkened shelters

'Sky rains fire and death'

Highlights

BEIRUT, Aug 13. (Reuters): Beirut, devastated by five months of heavy artillery bombardments, appeared near collapse today.

"The sky has turned into a volcano pouring fire and death," the Christian Voice of Lebanon said.

Hysterical children vomited and retched continuously after being trapped in shelters for days on end.

Many residents said they were running out of food as smoke and flames from burning buildings shrouded the city.

"There is no chance to leave the shelters ... to get food for our children. They are hungry and frightened," said Samira Hayek in Christian East Beirut.

The city's bakeries and pharmacies, which remained open in the past through the worst fighting, closed today.

The burning pine-clad mountains dotted with houses and apartment blocks overlooking the city from the east vanished behind a thick grey pall of smoke and dust as shells crashed into some areas at the rate of a second.

Hospitals appealed over the radios for blood. Heroic Red Cross teams toured shelters to get donations from people unable to leave. Medical supplies were running out.

Hospitals, several of them hit in the blitz, were packed with civilian wounded and were having to turn away new casualties.

Up to a third of the city's one million pre-war inhabitants are estimated to have fled.

Rescue workers said a number of ambulances were hit as they tried to dodge exploding shells in the deserted streets. Some casualties bled to death in the shattered debris of their homes before help arrived.

Firefighters said they were without water to battle the



French bid to save Lebanon

French envoy Francois Scheer leaves the Foreign Ministry in Damascus after meeting Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara in a bid to end the Lebanese bloodshed. (Reuter wirephoto)

flames. Electricity was also cut through the city, once one of the most beautiful in the world on a peninsula jutting into the Mediterranean.

Local radio stations confined their broadcasts to reports on the fighting and military songs.

"The smell of death is everywhere," said East Beirut resident Lina Khoury.

War followed the wounded from the Beirut blitz to their sick beds yesterday, forcing patients at a West Beirut hospital to flee underground to avoid further injury.

The hospital announced over

radio stations that it could accept no more casualties from the artillery, tank and rocket battles

between Syrian forces and troops led by Michel Aoun.

"We're ordinary people and when the shelling and fire is too intense we can't do it," said a Red Cross worker in Christian East Beirut. "Sometimes we do it anyway," he added.

A civil defence worker in West Beirut said the intensity of the shelling had hampered rescue missions.

"We had to abandon our vehicles in the middle of a rescue operation and hide in buildings until the shelling eased off," he said.

Iraq ready to host Palestinian soccer

BAGHDAD, Aug 13. (AP): Iraq has completed preparations to host the third Palestine youth soccer championship starting Aug 31. Iraqi Olympic Committee chairman Karim Al Mulla said today.

Mulla, who is also chairman of the organising committee, said the 14 teams will take part in the inter-Arab tournament.

They will play 29 matches in Baghdad and the northern cities of Mosul and Kirkuk.

TV journalist among 35 killed in Lanka violence

COLOMBO, Aug 13. (Reuters): Sri Lankan police and military sources said today at least 35 people had been killed in the past 24 hours as President Ranasinghe Premadasa prepared to meet an opposition leader and three human rights activists.

Military sources said that the bodies of 14 unidentified civilians were found at the roadside at Embilipitiya in the south last night. They had been shot and burnt.

At Laggala in central province, nine unidentified bodies were found near a culvert. Police said they did not know who was responsible for the deaths.

Two policemen were among 11 people killed by rebels in the same period, police said today. Members of the families of six security men have been killed in the past 10 days.

Two of the activists who will meet Premadasa tomorrow, Buddhist monks Madilloluwae Sobitha and Muruthutwana Ananda, are known to have had discussions with the outlawed People's Liberation Front trying to overthrow the government.

The other members of the delegation will be Dinesh Gunawardene, leader of the opposition

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Captives stay, say Brazil fugitives

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 13. (AP) Four armed fugitives refused to release three hostages when the twin-engine plane they were to use to flee Brazil turned back because of darkness last night, officials said.

The kidnappers, identified as two married couples who earlier obtained a \$42,000 ransom for freeing a nine-year-old boy they abducted, had agreed to trade their captives for a piloted aircraft, the Sao Paulo state security department said yesterday.

However, after the plane took off from Presidente Prudente Airport, near the site of the stand-off 1,026 kilometres (636 miles) southwest of Rio, the pilot turned back. He said it was too dark to land on the highway where the armoured car in which the hostages were being held was surrounded by police, officials said.

"We're back to square one," said police spokesman Jairo Pires in a phone interview. "Unless they give themselves up," this stand-off will probably not end until today."

Authorities were delayed in meeting the kidnappers demands Friday because the first aircraft they dispatched developed mechanical trouble and was grounded in a nearby field.

The kidnappers then set a 3 pm (1800 GMT) yesterday deadline to swap their captives for food, a pilot and a helicopter to fly them to Paraguay, police said.

But helicopter pilots balked when the kidnappers demanded permission to carry grenades, a sub-machine-gun, pistols and shotguns aboard, Pires said.

Aniceto de Oliveira Gomes, a rancher and mayor of rural Pantanal in Goias state, offered to pilot a get-away plane when negotiations between police and the kidnappers broke down. Pires said.

Pires said the hostages — two television reporters and the driver of the armoured car — were in fair physical condition. They were being held inside the armoured car, surrounded by about 100 heavily armed police since early Friday.



Flood survivors queue for food

Survivors of Bangladesh floods, which have killed up to 200 people, queue up for food and other emergency supplies at a relief camp at Zakkani. (Reuter wirephoto)

Troops to leave Maldives Special force formed

India to protect N-plants

NEW DELHI, Aug. 13. (KUNA) A new Indian commando force has been created to protect nuclear installations.

The new armed group, called Special Task Force, will work under the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), it was reported here today.

The commando unit has come up following a series of intelligence reports warning of plans to attack nuclear installations. The latest warning came after the launch of Agni missile, says a report in the English daily Indian Express.

The commandos are being trained at the CISF training school in Hyderabad and Barwana in Madhya Pradesh. The select group is drawn from the 65,000-strong CISF force and is being trained especially on anti-sabotage operation and in countering sudden attacks by terrorists.

Nuclear and space programme centres are being quickly secured against possible rocket attacks. The commandos are also being trained in handling surveillance devices that include ultrasonic detectors, micro-wave detectors, infra-red sensors and fibre optic devices.

Bring no arms, Zia men told

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 13. (AP) Pakistan today asked supporters of former President Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq to observe the first anniversary of his death peacefully.

The government, saying it had reports that some people planned an armed assault on the Aug. 17 anniversary, told participants not to bring weapons to the anniversary prayer service this Thursday in the courtyard of the Faisal Mosque, where Zia is buried.

Zia died in an unexplained plane crash Aug. 17, 1988. Several top Army generals and United States Ambassador to Pakistan, Arnold Raphael, also died in the crash of C-130 aircraft. A Pakistani commission concluded the crash was not accidental, and a special US team has been dispatched to the country to continue the investigation.

Separately 56 Lankans were given jail terms ranging from 17 to 38 years.

The Maldives have not carried out the death penalty since 1951 but the high commission in Colombo had no official intimation whether Male would reintroduce hanging.

But high commission officials were certain there will be no pardon to those condemned since in the public eye the crime they committed was enormous.

A small band of mercenaries stormed Male — 400 miles south west of Colombo — on November 3 last year in an apparent attempt to stage a coup d'etat but were soon repulsed by Indian paratroopers rushed to the Maldivian capital.

The Maldivian authorities accused a Sri Lankan's military group PLOTE (People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam) of masterminding the abortive coup.

Radar secret sought

Soviet envoy expelled

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13. (AP) A Soviet diplomat expelled two weeks ago allegedly tried to obtain information about the advanced radar system of Sweden's new JAS39 Gripen warplane, news reports said today.

The Stockholm daily Svenska Dagbladet said the official, posted as vice-consul at the Soviet general consulate in Goteborg, tried for several years to obtain information from employees of Ericsson Radar Electronics AB, near the major southwestern

port city of Molndal.

The newspaper, respected for its connections to military and police officials, gave no sources for its report.

The diplomat, who was expelled two weeks ago suspected of industrial espionage, also showed great interest in Sweden's offshore oil industry, the paper said.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry has kept a very low profile in the affair and did not announce the expulsion until last Friday.

Secret mission ends

Columbia returns safely

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., Aug. 13. (Reuters) The space shuttle Columbia, completing its first mission since the 1986 explosion of its sister ship Challenger, landed safely today after deploying what is believed to be a powerful spy satellite over the Soviet Union.

The apparently trouble-free, secret military mission of the fleet's oldest shuttle ended on a dry lake-bed runway in the California desert where Columbia made a picture-perfect landing.

Columbia, the oldest member of the shuttle fleet, touched down at 6:38 am (1338 GMT) after a mission that lasted five days, one hour and 56 seconds.

The orbiter, whose communications with mission control were kept secret, announced its return with a double-supersonic bang after descending through the heat barrier of the Earth's upper atmosphere.

It was the third shuttle flight this year and the fifth since the shuttle programme was resumed in 1988.

The January 1986 explosion of the Challenger, which killed all seven astronauts on board, caused a nearly three-year suspension of the programme while the fleet was overhauled.

Columbia took the longest of the three shuttles to return to space because it required the most expensive overhaul.

More than 250 modifications were made to the 10-year-old orbiter.

The veil of secrecy parted briefly on Wednesday when Air Force Secretary Donald Rice said Columbia deployed a satellite about seven and a half hours after its launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Tuesday.

But there was no official word on the exact nature of the satellite. Private space experts believe it was either a billion-dollar advanced photo satellite, code-named Strategic Response Satellite (SRS), or a \$500 million radar satellite code-named Lacrosse.

TV news editor shot dead in Lanka

Hospital strike spreads

COLOMBO, Aug. 13. (Agencies) Sinhalese radicals today killed the news editor of state-run television as an extremist-inspired strike by non-medical employees spread to three more Colombo hospitals, depriving hundreds of people of emergency treatment, officials said.

Police said two gunmen of the Janatha Vimuktam Peramuna (JVP), or People's Liberation Front, burst into the house of journalist Kulasinghe Amarantunge, 62, in the Colombo suburb of Ratmalana, and shot him dead. The pair fled on bicycles.

Amarantunge had returned home earlier in the day after hiding for about a week following the receipt of a death threat from the JVP, which is waging a bloody insurrection to topple the government and create a Marxist-style authoritarian political system, police said.

His slaying came barely two hours after security authorities began jamming broadcasts of the JVP's clandestine radio station, "Golden Voice."

When the broadcasts were jammed in the past, the radicals threatened to stage reprisal attacks on employees of state-run radio and television.

Amarantunge was the news editor of government-owned national television, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corp. He was the third broadcasting executive slain by the JVP since July 23, when gunmen shot dead the acting head of Sri Lanka's Independent Television station.

On July 30, a state-run television announcer and programming executive was gunned down by the radicals, whose campaign of sabotage, killings, protests and intimidation has claimed more than 3,000 lives this year.

Meanwhile, officials said some 2,200 non-medical workers at Colombo South General Hospital, Lady Ridgeway Hospital and De Souza Maternity Hospital refused to report to work, joining a strike that began Friday by about 1,800 employees of Colombo General Hospital and Colombo Eye Hospital.

The workers included orderlies, janitors, ambulance drivers and mortuary custodians.

The strike was inspired by the JVP-run Workers Action Front. It was called to demand the release of two Colombo General Hospital workers who were arrested for pasting posters up in the facility carrying JVP orders to doctors and nurses not to provide treatment to security force personnel.

Health officials said hundreds of people were denied emergency treatment at the five hospitals as doctors and nurses were trying to care for bed-ridden patients and could provide only skeleton outpatient services.

Only the capital's state-run Sri Jayawardanapura Hospital and private nursing homes were admitting patients, officials said.

There was no word on whether the government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa would meet the demand for the release of the two arrested hospital employees.

The strike is only the latest in a series of walkouts inspired by the JVP. The government on July 13 agreed to meet the demands of public transportation workers, ending a month-long strike which was fomented by the extremists and disrupted life across most of the island.

Premadasa will meet an opposition leader and three human rights activists tomorrow to discuss allegations of killings by pro-government groups, official sources said today.

Two of the activists, well-known Buddhist monks the Reverends Maduoliwewa Sobitha and Muruthotuwewa Ananda, are known to have had discussions with the JVP.

The other members of the delegation will be Dinesh Gunawardene, leader of the opposition People's Party, and lawyer Priya Gunasekera.

Gunasekera said extrajudicial killings by state and private murder squads were rampant.

He said most of the pro-government killings were in the central area around Kandy and in Kallutara in the south.

Eight people were also killed and their bodies hanged in central Sri Lanka, military officials said.

The JVP was blamed for the eight killings. Officials said the victims were gunned down yesterday in Lagalla village, about 105 kilometres (65 miles) northeast of Colombo.

The bodies were then hanged from trees and cement posts in the village, the officials said.



A file photo of US congressman Mickey Leland holding his son James during a parade in Houston. (Reuter wirephoto)

Leland's plane wreckage found

14 confirmed dead, 2 missing

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 13. (AP) Searchers found the wreckage of a missing US congressional delegation's plane and 14 bodies in the rugged highlands of southwestern Ethiopia.

Gambela and the village of Dembiola just to the north had been an early focus of the six-day search for Leland and his group because there are two rough, dirt airstrips nearby.

They have confirmed 14 dead and the presumption is that the other two are also dead," said James Haley, chief spokesman of the US embassy in Addis Ababa.

Haley said a US Blackhawk helicopter had arrived at the crash site, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the planned destination of US Rep. Mickey Leland and his party.

First reports from the helicopter were sketchy. Haley said, adding, "we will provide further information as we get it."

In Washington, a Defense Department spokesman said researchers confirmed there were no survivors at the crash site but reported finding only 14 bodies.

Spokesman Mel Sudin said it appeared the two others reported aboard the flight were missing.

He said the crash site was discovered at 0945 GMT, and rescuers arrived at the scene about 45 minutes later.

"They confirmed there were no survivors at the site," Sudin said.

Leland, chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, and his 15 companions vanished on Monday on a flight to the Fugnido refugee camp near the Sudanese border.

Haley said the wreckage of Leland's chartered twin Otter

was found near Gambela, about 300 miles (500 kilometers) west-southwest of the capital.

Gambela and the village of Dembiola just to the north had been an early focus of the six-day search for Leland and his group because there are two rough, dirt airstrips nearby.

It was thought the pilot of the twin-engine plane might have diverted to one of those strips because of heavy clouds and low visibility at Leland's intended destination.

The Ethiopian government said peasants had heard a light plane circling one and possibly two other dirt strips about 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of Gambela on Monday.

When Leland arrived in Ethiopia early on Monday, just hours before he and his group boarded the plane that was to take them to the refugee camp.

Their takeoff was delayed for two hours by bad weather and officials said conditions were marginal when they finally set off from Addis Ababa's Bole airport.

The search effort grew steadily through the week, eventually involving more than 10 US Air Force planes, including a high-altitude U-2 reconnaissance craft.

The Ethiopian Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority committed an equal number of aircraft to the search despite cool relations between the United States and the African nation.

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Edinburgh bustles as world's biggest arts fest opens

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Aug. 13. (AP): The flags are flying in Princes Street and the capital is bustling with the first of 250,000 visitors to the world's biggest arts extravaganza.

But as the three-week Edinburgh Festival of Music, Theatre and Dance prepared to open today, organisers are asking what the future holds for the 43-year-old, chronically underfunded

event.

A committee has been set up for the first time to discuss wider issues than what shows to put on, including the festival's direction in the next 10 years, said Frank Dunlop, festival director for the last seven years.

"It seems to me that unless it can be creatively expanded and look at itself afresh, it will become moribund," he

said in an interview.

Dunlop is a short, stocky, gray-haired Englishman, the son of a Polish-Latvian shoemaker's daughter and a Scottish engineer.

He was associate director of the National Theatre under Laurence Olivier, founded the Young Vic Youth Theatre and was a successful director in New York.

He searches constantly for unexpected delights for the festival, including in other years a hilarious Canadian comedy about old movies and a Japanese "Macbeth" performed in white body stockings.

This year there is much that is Spanish—Spanish opera, puppets, ballet, theatre and the National Orchestra of Spain. Dunlop said he hadn't had time to

read one prominent London newspaper article suggesting he is ready to quit because he was dispirited about the future of the festival.

The Edinburgh Festival has always been underfunded and the city fathers never built the opera house that was pledged after World War II.

"I spend more time appealing for

money than anything else," says Dunlop. "The festival is costing \$4.8 million this year, and we should be spending \$6.4 million."

Festival visitors will spend at least \$64 million in Edinburgh in the next three weeks, but the city—especially its businesses—is notoriously parsimonious, he said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Two Soviet fans unfurl an American flag inside Lenin Olympic stadium during the Moscow Music Peace Festival which opened on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)

OSLO, Norway: A 10-year-old boy survived a 22,000-volt electrical shock with help from the same man who saved him from drowning eight years ago, according to news reports.

Isek Turi climbed a 22-foot-high (6.7 metre) electricity pylon in the northern village of Oteren Monday and touched the power line. The shock jolted him to the ground with his hair and clothes on fire, the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang reported.

Paul Bakke, a neighbour, ran to smother the flames, the newspaper said.

A spokesman for the Regional Power Company was quoted as saying it was amazing that Turi, the son of a reindeer herder, survived.

Bakke told Verdens Gang that eight years ago, he saved Turi when the boy nearly drowned in a spring flood.

"Isek has always been a tough kid who will dare anything," Bakke said.

Turi was in stable condition at a local hospital, the newspaper said. (AP)

MOSCOW: A huge, hairy creature with overlong arms and legs and shoulder-length hair frightened residents of the settlement of Kirovo in the Volga region, the newspaper Sotsialisticheskaya Industria reports.

One resident, veterinary surgeon R. Saitov, said he was walking along a pond bank with his children and a friend when he spotted the creature on the other bank. The Soviet news agency Tass reported.

When Saitov and his friend tried to approach it, the creature ran across a field. "It was making huge jumps," Saitov said, "not at all like a human being." (AP)

DANBURY, Connecticut: Metropolitan opera star Jessye Norman and violinist Isaac Stern will pay homage this weekend to Marian Anderson, the black contralto once banned from performing in Washington.

Fifty years ago, the daughters of the American revolution refused to let Anderson sing at Washington's constitution hall, and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the organisation in protest.

Within days, Anderson was invited to sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and her concert attracted a racially mixed audience of 75,000. (AP)

ATLANTA: Ringo Starr's career had fallen from the heights of Beatlemania "to its lowest ebb" when he asked producer Chip Moman to salvage it with an album the drummer now is trying to keep out of stores, Moman's attorney says.

Moman wants to put out the album, recorded more than two years ago but never released, to coincide with Starr's current US concert tour. The former Beatle says he's unhappy with his drumming on the recordings and that the release could hurt his reputation.

Release of the album was temporarily blocked last month by judge Clarence Cooper. A hearing on Starr's suit against Moman and a record company is scheduled Aug. 22. (AP)

Back in the USSR Rock goes to Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug. 13. (AP): Soviet fans jumped, danced and wrapped themselves in giant American flags yesterday as some of heavy metal's biggest stars made their Soviet debut in Moscow's biggest-ever hard rock concert.

The benefit concert, a two-day extravaganza billed as the "Moscow Music Peace Festival," features Western musicians Motley Crue, Bon Jovi, Scorpions, Cinderella, Ozzy Osbourne, and Skid Row as well as the Soviet groups Nuance, Gorky Park and Brigada S.

Proceeds will go to programmes that fight drug and alcohol abuse in the United States and the Soviet Union.

About 100,000 fans filled the Lenin stadium in Central Moscow yesterday, many of them reclining on mats or jumping and screaming near the stage, painted in the psychedelic style of the 1960s.

Soviet fans wrapped themselves in giant American flags and formed human pyramids.

"We're athletes, we need some psychological relaxation," a member of the Soviet junior fencing team shouted after the pyramid he was forming with team-mates topped.

The concert's Soviet organiser, impresario Stas Namin, told a news conference on Friday the concert "will show that rock is not just negative.... After so many years of stigmatisation, this is something positive."

At \$16 a ticket, the concert was exorbitantly priced by Soviet standards. However, organisers said it quickly sold out.

FORT PIERCE, Florida: Treasure

WASHINGTON: America's ageing female giant panda Ling-Ling, who has failed to give birth to a surviving cub in nearly two decades at the national zoo, lost a tiny foetus in a miscarriage, but may still be carrying her healthy twin, zoo officials said yesterday.

Ling-Ling spontaneously aborted the half-inch long foetus Thursday, but continues to show signs of being pregnant, said zoo spokesman Robert Hoage.

"The hormone levels suggest that the hormones associated with either pregnancy or pseudopregnancy are still there," Hoage said yesterday. "And she did not show the cradling and licking behaviours she has shown after the birth of full-term cubs. She went about her business as if nothing had happened." (UPI)

ANN ARBOR, Michigan: A computerised X-ray scanner developed to find defects in auto parts is giving medical researchers better glimpses of bone structure than conventional analysis methods, can, and in less time.

"This new technology is allowing us to better understand the consequences of bone changes caused by disease or age," said Dr. Steven Goldstein, director of the University of Michigan's Orthopaedic Research Lab. (AP)

NEW YORK: "Please deposit 10 cents for the next five minutes, or your call will be interrupted. Thank you."

No—thank you, William Gray.

One hundred years ago Sunday, the 37-year-old Gray obtained US patent No. 408,709 for his invention,

the public phone.

Norris, a 26-year-old graduate chemical engineering student at the University of Louisville, is trying to create a mathematical model for showing how quickly chicken pieces will cook under varying conditions.

Financed by a \$15,000 grant from a commercial fried-chicken company, Norris is trying to develop the model for his master's thesis at the equipment performance lab of the company's technical centre. (AP)

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky: Michael Morris is in search of the perfectly cooked chicken, but his tools are more likely to include a slide rule than a spatula.

Norris, a 26-year-old graduate chemical engineering student at the University of Louisville, is trying to create a mathematical model for showing how quickly chicken pieces will cook under varying conditions.

The first one was installed months later at the Hartford Bank in Hartford, Connecticut. A hundred years later, there are 2 million pay phones across the United States. (AP)

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porarily blocked last month by judge Clarence Cooper. A hearing on Starr's suit against Moman and a record company is scheduled Aug. 22. (AP)

Stress may spur immune system: AIDS study

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, Aug. 13. (AP): Psychological distress may stimulate the disease-fighting immune system in men with early AIDS virus infection, the opposite of its apparent effect in people with full-blown AIDS, a study suggests.

That may mean the impact of anxiety, depression and fatigue depends on how well the immune system is able to respond to such distress, said researcher Lydia Temoshok.

It also fits in with a recent suggestion that the AIDS virus may over-stimulate the

immune system early on, leading to its later exhaustion and collapse, she said. If that is true, strategies to spur the immune system of infected people may have to be timed to avoid over-stimulation, she said.

AIDS kills by crippling the body's immune system, leaving a person vulnerable to fatal illnesses. Some researchers are studying whether programmes to help deal with stress can help infected people maintain their immune systems, possibly slowing the progression of the disease or increasing

survival times.

Temoshok is a senior scientist at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington. She did the new research at the University of California at San Francisco with colleagues there and from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Arthur Lupiriere, research assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Miami School of Medicine, called Temoshok's study preliminary.

Voyage to boost youth's rights

FORTE-DE-FRANCE, Martinique Aug. 13. (AP): A ship carrying 30 children from around the world left the French Caribbean island of Martinique yesterday to continue a global voyage promoting the rights of children.

The vessel, named the Messager de Nantes, left Brittany, France, on July 1, stopped in Senegal, and arrived in Martinique on Aug. 7. Yesterday it headed for New York.

The campaign is sponsored by a French organisation of volunteer doctors called Medecins du Monde.

The group, led by Dr Patrick Hebrard, is urging a special UN commission reviewing human rights in the world to adopt a convention guaranteeing children's rights to shelter, food, education and protection.

"A child has the right to dream, to have a roof over his head, to play and to go to school," Harlem Desir, president of France's influential anti-discrimination organization called SOS Racism, said on Friday in Martinique. "They have a right to health care and food."

"The convention adopted by the United Nations would have the force of law in each country that adopts it," said Desir, who helped organise a campaign in Martinique this past week that coincided with the port call of the Messager de Nantes.

The campaign was highlighted by a three-hour television programme in which children from poor or war-torn nations such as Cambodia spoke of their hardships.

Children from 16 Caribbean nations, from Trinidad in the East to Cuba in the West, came on board when the ship stopped in Martinique.

The 14 other children were from France, the United States, Guatemala, Israel and the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Switzerland, Belgium, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Morocco, Poland, Senegal, Vietnam and Panama.

Automated jets raise concern

Pilots may lose skills

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (KUNA): Airlines are starting to fly a new generation of highly automated jets, raising concerns among safety researchers that pilots will rely too much on the technology and will lose or never learn the sharp skills and reflexes needed in emergencies.

The first scientific study to compare pilots' performance in highly automated and traditional cockpits began Tuesday in Atlanta. Researchers at the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the results would help them improve training for pilots who fly the advanced planes and suggest ways to better design future craft.

The most advanced planes, like the Airbus A320 and Boeing's 757 and 767 models, require little of the hands-on

flying skill that older models need. For years, planes have had autopilots to keep level and make simple turns, but with the newest equipment pilots can push a few buttons and lean back while the plane flies to its destination and lands on a predetermined runway. Virtually every calculation is made by computer.

"We're taking more and more of those functions out of human control and giving them to the machines," said Dr Clay Foushee, the chief FAA scientist for human performance issues. "The question becomes whether humans will really respond when something goes wrong."

Airlines like the equipment because it keeps a plane closer to its course than a pilot can, cutting costs and increasing safety in some operations.

Tabloid makes his day

LONDON, Aug. 13. (Reuters): Britain's weekly tabloid, the News Of The World, said today it had agreed to pay a large sum in libel damages to US actor Clint Eastwood, one of Hollywood's highest earning film stars.

The amount of damages was not disclosed and Eastwood, 59, and News Group Newspapers, which owns the News Of The World, said the newspaper had apologised unreservedly to the actor for libellous articles published on July 9 under the headline "Go on Clint, make my day."

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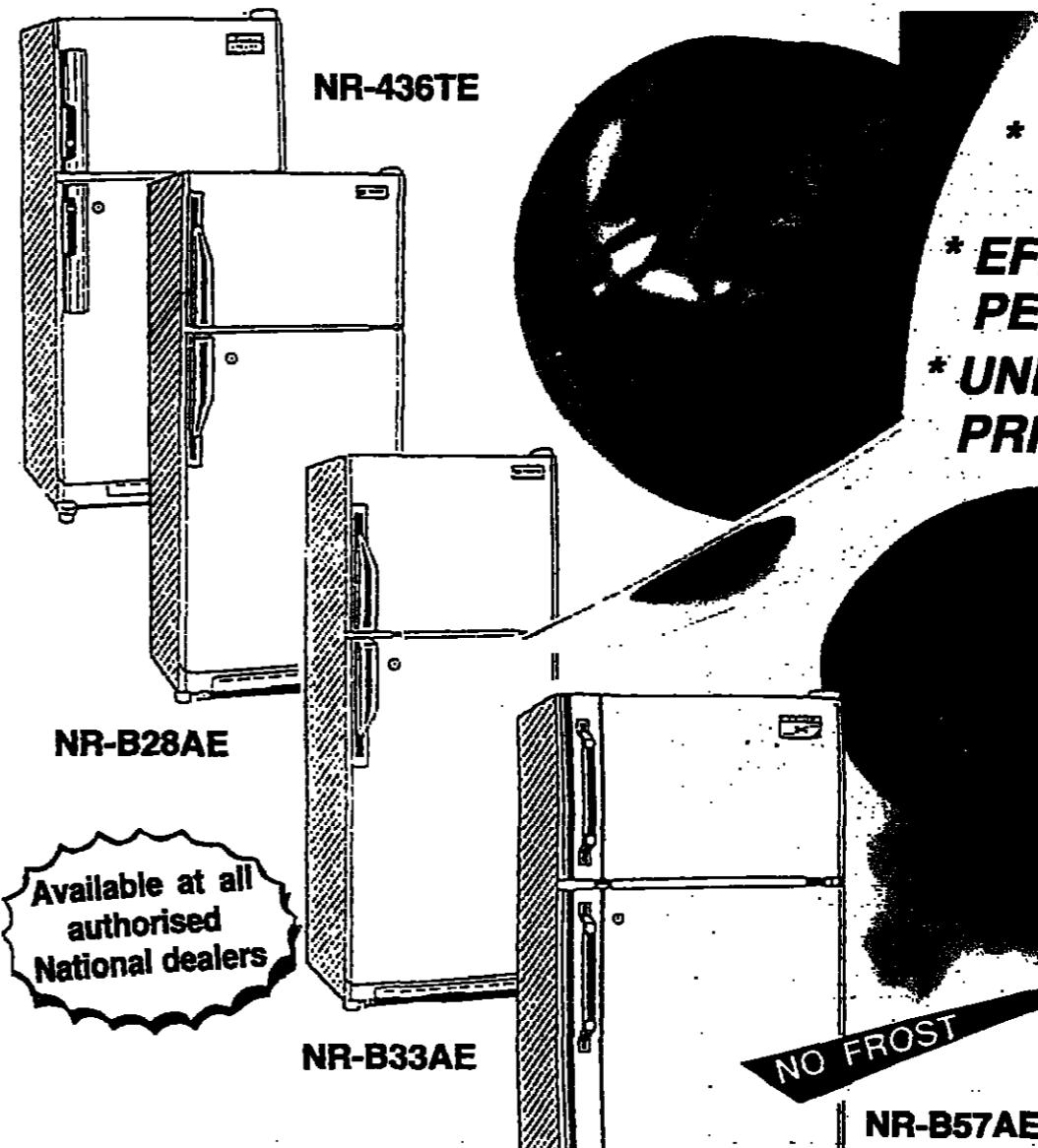
The newspaper article alleged that Eastwood had been the father of an illegitimate child in the 1960s.



Just a lot of hot air

A giant hot air balloon shaped like a dinosaur appears to be leaning over to bite a bite out of its handler as preparations get underway for a balloon race in Parker, Colorado. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Cracking crack in UK

Seizures on the rise

LONDON, Aug 13. (Reuters): British authorities, haunted by the nightmare of US-style "crack" epidemics spreading to their inner cities, are trying to curb the drug before it flows in earnest.

Lurid tales of gang killings, violent crime and child abuse in the United States blamed on the cocaine-based drug prompted an official nationwide clampdown announced this month.

Crack, made from mixing cocaine with baking powder or ammonia, can now be bought in the town housing estates of Liverpool and from London dealers operating from squats and decayed tower blocks.

Seizures on the rise in Britain and though crack is not as widely used as heroin and barbiturates the potent, smokable form of cocaine has provided a new thrill for some.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd is spearheading the war on crack fearing it could bring a sharp upswing in drug-related violence and misery to British cities.

"You've got to show young people, people in

threatened communities that this is not a way to happiness, it is a way of destroying their lives," he said.

He pledged cash to fight crack at home and overseas, funds for education and treatment and ordered the recruitment of more customs officers. He promised to seek further global pacts on confiscating traffickers' assets.

Hurd's concern comes at a time when insiders say Colombian-led international cocaine traffickers are cutting overheads and diversifying supply routes to flood markets with cheap cocaine.

On the street, tightly-wrapped "rocks" of crack — enough for up to eight smokes — sell for about £30 (\$50). It can be made with a microwave and a schoolroom knowledge of chemistry.

When smoked, the "high" comes in seconds and is far stronger than inhaling or snorting cocaine. The "designer label" set prefer it to injecting and don't see themselves as addicts.

Other users are heroin addicts who use it to supplement their habit.

Some researchers say crack is not in itself addictive but doctors dealing with drug abuse say this view is misleading. Hurd maintains crack is addictive.

Sean, a 30-year-old Liverpool crack user, talked in a newspaper interview about a 15-minute roller-coaster trip of pleasure and fear.

"But I don't feel hooked or addicted. I have seen some people wired up on it, but I don't know anyone with problems. It's so good though you are keen to repeat the experience."

"My girlfriend wouldn't touch it. She thinks I look stressed when I have it," he told the Independent newspaper.

Addiction specialists have warned that portrayal of crack as a uniquely dangerous drug could even make it more appealing.

Sensational media coverage of a crack crisis might become a self-fulfilling prophecy, according to experts Dr John Strang and Dr Griffith Edwards.

Anti-drug activist killed

Friends vow to fight

NEW YORK, Aug 13. (AP): Slain anti-drug activist Maria Hernandez was described as a martyr by friends and politicians who vowed after her funeral yesterday to continue the fight to rid her New York neighbourhood of drugs.

"I know my wife, wherever she's at, is looking down on us and will give us the strength we need so we can continue the fight," said Carlos Hernandez, as he and hundreds of supporters arrived at Cypress Hills cemetery behind the hearse bearing his wife's pink coffin.

Mrs Hernandez, 34, a mother of three, was killed Tuesday by a gunman who pumped five bullets into her bedroom from the street as she dressed for work.

Authorities have theorized the shooting was in retaliation for the anti-drug efforts of the victim and her husband, Carlos, who has received numerous death threats.

On Friday, Mrs Hernandez's wake was interrup-

ted when someone called in a bomb threat to the funeral home. Mourners were evacuated but no bomb was found.

Police are pressuring area drug dealers to turn in the killer and are investigating a feud between the Hernandezes and their next-door neighbours, whom the Hernandezes accused of dealing drugs.

Sgt. Norris Hollomon, a police spokesman, said yesterday there were no suspects.

"We believe that Maria's spirit has and does and will make a difference in our community," the Rev. Charles Plock told mourners at St. John the Baptist Church yesterday morning. "It will strengthen our resolve and stir our community."

Mayor Edward I. Koch spoke at the funeral, saying "those most important to the elimination of the drug scourge are people like Maria and Carlos Hernandez."

Ramirez named as presidential candidate

MANAGUA, Aug 13. (AP): The opposition Social Christian Party nominated Erick Ramirez today as its presidential candidate for next February's elections.

Ramirez, a 45-year-old businessman, is president of the party, one of Nicaragua's best organized.

The centre-left party broke away from the 12-party National Opposition Union, which has announced its intention to run a single candidate against the governing Sandinistas. Neither the opposition union nor the Sandinistas have nominated their candidates.

The Nicaraguan government is holding elections Feb. 25 as part of its promise to other Central American leaders in exchange for an agreement to disband the US-backed Contra rebels.

Luis Vega Miranda, Social Christian spokesman, told the Associated Press by telephone, "in the early hours this morning our party assembly nominated Ramirez as candidate."

He said the party would announce more details about its candidate and platform later.

The party becomes the second to nominate a candidate in recent weeks. The leftist Revolutionary Workers Party nominated its secretary-general, Bonifacio Miranda, as its candidate.

Twenty-one parties, ranging from communist to right-wing, are registered in Nicaragua.

Five Central American presidents announced in Honduras last Monday a 120-day timetable to decommission and resettle the Contras.

In exchange, Nicaragua has promised a general amnesty for Contras who return home, plus complete electoral and press freedom.

The Sandinistas have held power since July 1979, when they toppled President Anastasio Somoza in a popular uprising.

Driver dies of heart attack

VIENNA, Aug 13. (AP): The driver of a Dutch bus apparently suffered a heart attack at the wheel early today, and eight people were injured in a subsequent head-on collision. The sick driver died on the scene, police reported.

The driver was identified as 40-year-old Villem from Vlaardingen in the Netherlands.

After he got sick, the bus collided with an oncoming Austrian car near Bruck an der Leitha east of Vienna. The bus then rammed a wall and crashed into a house.



Birthday boy

Cuban President Fidel Castro celebrated his 63rd birthday Sunday. Next January it will be 31 years since he came to power after the victory of the Cuban revolution. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sandinistas order: A Nicaraguan military leader said yesterday that Sandinista military commanders had been ordered to talk with Contra rebel leaders following a call by Central American presidents for the demobilisation of the insurgents.

"We have instructed all our troops to converse with the Contra leaders about their demobilisation," said Lt Col Cesar Delgadillo, military commander for central Nicaragua.

Delgadillo said at a news conference that he had called on the rebels to "take advantage of the amnesty and go along with the accords of Tela."

Nicaraguan Defence Minister Humberto Ortega on Thursday offered a general amnesty to Contras who lay down their arms and returns home. (AP)

Pair of earthquakes: A pair of earthquakes with moderate intensity struck yesterday morning near Mexico's Pacific Coast but neither caused reported damage or injury, authorities said.

"We felt it, but it was very weak," said Irene Banos, a receptionist at the Red Cross in Acapulco, 400 kilometres (250 miles) south of Mexico City.

"There haven't been any calls for help," she added in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

Some residents of Mexico City reported feeling it slightly.

Earlier yesterday, a quake registering 4.7 on the Richter scale rattled the coast in the State of Chiapas, near the Guatemalan border. (AP)

Vehicle blown up: Suspected leftist rebels planted a bomb that blew up a vehicle carrying national guardsmen yesterday, killing one and wounding five others. Army, officials and rebels said.

Rebels also burned four buses to protest the government's economic policies.

"The sabotage of buses is our response to the (President Alfredo) Cristiani government for the anti-popular tax measures on the people," a caller claiming to represent the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front rebel organization said in call to a private radio station.

Noriega tagged 'fly in the ointment'

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Aug 13. (API): Opposition leaders said that three Latin American presidents have labelled Panama's de facto ruler, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the nation's biggest obstacle to democracy.

Noriega yesterday quietly marked his sixth anniversary as head of Panama's defence forces. No public celebrations were planned.

Opposition leader Ricardo Arias Calderon, at a news conference, said the presidents of Colombia, Peru and Venezuela "have a very clear idea that popular sovereignty and national sovereignty cannot be disassociated, and they consider that only a free people can really be sovereign."

Arias Calderon, a candidate for vice-president in Panama's aborted May 7 elections, said he and the opposition's other vice-presidential candidate, Guillermo Ford, met last week with the three South American chief executive, their foreign ministers and other officials.

International observers say the opposition won the presidential election by a landslide. The government, which Noriega controls, annulled the balloting a few days later, saying vote fraud has occurred.

The opposition has proposed a plebiscite this month to let Panamanians decide whether they want Noriega to keep his position as the nation's de facto leader.

US to tackle drugs in south

WASHINGTON, Aug 13. (AP): A classified section of the soon-to-be-released national drug strategy calls for an expansion of US military training for local forces in three South American countries and allocates \$300 million for anti-drug efforts, an administration source says.

"Given that they now receive pocket change, it could be a tripling" of US expenditures for the world's largest cocaine-producing countries: Peru, Bolivia and Colombia, the source said on condition of not being identified.

The United States already provides some military training of local forces in Bolivia, but not to Peru or Colombia.

US President George Bush has called for stepped-up actions against drugs at their South American origins. But such attempts have been largely unsuccessful because of guerrilla wars, economic problems and a lack of resources.

The administration official stressed that the proposal calls for more training of troops, not for actual military operations by US forces. Also, the local governments would have to request the presence of US armed forces.

"There's nothing unilateral contemplated," the source said.

The proposal is in a classified section of the drug strategy drafted by National Drug Policy Director William Bennett. The National Security Council is reviewing all international and interdiction proposals. Bush is scheduled to present the final package to Congress on Sept. 5.

Although some aspects of Bennett's proposed strategy have triggered some bickering between agencies, a source said there has been "no opposition to expanding training" by the military.

Special forces troops currently train forces in Bolivia, and a source said the expansion contemplated would be "building on the number of people we have down there."

US Rep Charles Rangel, chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, cautioned that "increased military involvement in Latin American anti-drug efforts must be treated extremely carefully.

Any US military involvement must be through multilateral efforts such as the organisation for American States or the United Nations, and must be welcomed by the country involved."

The proposal was derided by Rep. Lawrence Smith, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Task Force on International Narcotics, who said "\$300 million for countries that are very beleaguered, whose economies are in a shambles, that's a split in the ocean. That's Tokenism, that's what it is."

The commitment of US military advisers, equipment and economic aid should be dependent on the recipient countries committing their own military forces to the anti-drug effort, something they have done only on rare occasions, he said.

Both Rangel and Smith said they based their comments on news reports of what the strategy proposes.



A British soldier shows a young boy how to use his rifle sights during the Apprentice Boys March yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A policeman stands in front of a wrecked city centre bar following an explosion of an IRA bomb. (Reuter wirephoto)

Riotous mob attacks police

Protestants march in Londonderry

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland, Aug 13. (AP): Police

came under attack today from a crowd tossing gasoline bombs in Roman Catholic districts of Londonderry and led to the dispatching of British troops to northern Ireland three days later on Aug. 14, 1969.

Police, using batons, dispersed the crowd from an area of Londonderry where disturbances are common after the annual Apprentice Boys Parade.

"Officers were attacked by petrol (gasoline) bombs thrown by a riotous mob of 200," said an official of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who spoke anonymously in keeping with British

bomb in a bar near a gate to the Catholic section of London, known as Bogside.

The bomb went off as it was being defused by British Army experts, but no one was injured.

The blast shattered glass in the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall.

The Irish Republican Army later claimed responsibility, and said in a statement the bomb was timed to go off while security forces toured the area to demonstrate the IRA could strike in spite of tight security.

Four hours before thousands of Protestants marched peacefully along city streets banging drums, security forces found a

"means we have no security."

Security was tight along the parade route, with dozens of gray armoured police vehicles in the streets and soldiers patrolling in full combat gear.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary reported that the parade passed without incident.

Londonderry has long been hallowed by Protestants as the scene of a 15-week siege in 1689 by the forces of the exiled Catholic King James II, ousted in favour of the Protestant William of Orange, the Dutch-born prince who ruled Britain jointly with his English wife and cousin, Mary.

Former friends desert Botha

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 13. (Agencies): President P.W. Botha stood alone today as former allies threw their weight behind heir-apparent F.W. de Klerk ahead of a bitter cabinet showdown over planned talks in Zambia on ways to end apartheid.

Editorial columns in staunchly pro-government papers chose to ignore the biggest political scandal to hit the ruling National Party (NP) for years, while the anti-apartheid press hurled unanimous criticism at the outgoing president.

"Hell hath no fury like a president scorned," said the anti-government Sunday Star, describing the autocratic head of state as "an unguided political missile inflicting maximum damage before September general elections."

Botha, who retires after next month's racially-segregated polls, provoked the storm by publicly repudiating de Klerk for failing to consult him on the planned Aug. 28 visit to Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, apartheid's arch-enemy.

Political sources say Botha is jealous of the meeting which may turn out to be a major step towards peace in the region and towards a post-apartheid alliance of southern African states.

De Klerk won the backing of cabinet colleagues yesterday ahead of the showdown of the two NP giants expected to take place at a full cabinet meeting called by Botha for tomorrow.

Party sources said anything could happen behind the closed doors at the Cape Town cabinet offices.



Tambo: check-up

"The only predictable thing about him (Botha) is his unpredictability," one cabinet minister was quoted as saying.

Botha, aware that he has nothing to lose in the final weeks of his presidency, has several dramatic options.

He may choose to sack some senior ministers, including de Klerk and Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

Meanwhile, anti-apartheid activists said today they plan to defy beach segregation laws and demand integration of some "white-only" schools as the next phase of their nationwide defiance campaign.

With the government distracted by the leadership struggle, groups affiliated with the Mass Democratic Movement said they intended to act against the beach

segregation laws in Durban and demand integration of all-white schools in racially mixed inner-city neighbourhoods.

The defiance campaign, launched Aug. 2 when blacks and Indians peacefully sought treatment at segregated white hospitals, has been condemned by the National Party government as an attempt to provoke confrontation and violence.

INTERNATIONAL

Manila forest future bright

IMUGAN, Philippines, Aug. 13 (AP): Tribal women weed sweet potato patches amid charred tree stumps in a project aimed at making local communities the stewards of the forests.

The women belong to the hardy Ikalahan tribe, whose 15-year-old forestry project has become a model for government plans to replace commercial logging with local people as protectors of the country's dwindling timber resources.

The programme follows decades of unrestrained logging, a practice condoned in the past because timber exports provided much-needed dollars. With 5 million hectares (14.8 million acres) of denuded forests, officials have now begun to curb rampant logging, which has resulted in soil erosion and floods.

President Corazon Aquino, who rose to power in a popular uprising in 1986, has pledged to undo corrupt practices of the past. To achieve that goal, officials are giving communities a greater role in the country's resources.

Although community forestry is not new, the government increasingly is recognising its importance. Since 1974, eight leases have been granted to upland communities. Rufecio Factoran, secretary of environment and natural resources says the government plans to issue 50 more this year.

In timber concessions where the licences of loggers have been cancelled, the government also has awarded ownership certificates to some 200,000 families under a social forestry project.

Beneficiaries are permitted to cut limited amounts of timber for fuelwood, firewood, building materials and to sell, but not on the large scale practised by commercial loggers.

Similar programmes have been implemented in other Asian countries in response to the threat of tropical forest destruction.

Before the 1950s, 17 million hectares (42 million acres) of tropical hardwood forests covered the country, the Asian Development Bank says.

The bank, which is financing half of the government's current \$240-million forestry programme, says only a million hectares (2.47 million acres) of virgin forest remain.

Reforestation

The programme, established last September, includes the reforestation of more than 300,000 hectares (744,000 acres) and assisting 120,000 families who have migrated to the forests. After three years the ADB and the Philippine government will decide whether to extend it.

American missionary Delbert Rice, who supervises the Ikalahan project, says the 15,000-hectare (37,000-acre) tribal reserve in the northern Philippines grew out of the need for land security and food self-sufficiency.

Penned in the southern tip of the Cordillera Mountain Range, the ancestral land of the Ikalahans often was exploited by loggers, some of whom were relatives of high government officials, Rice said.

The leases, the first to be given, allow the tribe to extract forest resources, but charge them with protecting water sources and checking erosion. Rice said the elders subdivide the land among the reserve's 2,000 inhabitants.

Tribesfolk also gather wild fruit and flowers to sell to a food-processing centre, a project of the Kalahan Educational Foundation.

The foundation has put up a secondary school, a machine shop and a tree nursery. It also employs villagers to tend orchards and undertake research on the sweet potato, a staple food of mountain tribes.

Government officials also blame destruction of rain forests for "kain-ginos," or slash-and-burn farmers, environmentalists and outsiders who work with mountaineers blame loggers instead.

Like other upland dwellers, the Ikalahans cultivate crops by clearing a small portion of forest and burning it so they can plant crops. Factoran says this system is destructive because it will not allow the forest to regenerate.

But Rice says he has learned in his 24 years of working with the Ikalahans that burning is needed to provide ash and release the phosphorus in the soil, making fertilizer for crops.

While training communities to manage the forests, Factoran says the government's meagre resources force it to continue relying chiefly on loggers' honesty in following government regulations that detail the extent of timber cutting and reforestation.

Escape from China by hiding under timber

CIA aided Chinese student leader

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP): A Chinese student leader who fled after pro-democracy demonstrators were killed in Beijing said he escaped by hiding under timber in the back of a truck, a London newspaper reported today.

The Sunday Express said that Wu'er Kaitai, 21, and his girlfriend, student activist Lin Yan, 19, were now living on the outskirts of Pasadena, California, in a hideout guarded by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The newspaper quoted Wu'er as saying that his escape was aided by Hong Kong students and the CIA. It did not disclose any further details of his escape.

The newspaper said Wu'er predicted that China's Communist leadership would be toppled within three years "if an incident does not provoke it."

sooner."

If Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping dies soon, "it could be a signal for the people to come out on the streets again," Wu'er was quoted as saying. The demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, he added, had been sparked by the death of dismissed communist party leader Hu Yaobang.

Wu'er was quoted as saying that his network of contacts in China estimate that 3,000 people were killed when the Army stormed the Square on June 4, and that 120,000 since have been arrested or executed.

Xinhua, China's official news agency, has said nearly 100 soldiers and police died and that thousands were injured, while about 100 civilians died and nearly 1,000 were injured. Chinese witnesses and Western intelligence sources said the death

toll may have been as high as 3,000.

Wu'er said he was in the Square when tanks rolled in.

"Students tried to reason with soldiers who were firing like madmen, bayoneting young men and women," he told the newspaper. "I was put into an ambulance with two dead students ... as we sped to hospital, I saw the tanks firing their machine-guns into the crowd."

"The purging of dissidents is more bloody than the West can imagine," Wu'er was quoted as saying. "There is no end to the revenge of the hard-liners. Executions are taking place on a massive scale all over China."

Wu'er won world-wide acclaim in a televised confrontation between hunger-striking student leaders and Premier Li Peng in the Great Hall of the

People, shortly before the Army assault.

"I was just a student, out of hospital, but I had no fear of Li Peng," he said. "He is a devil, but he did not frighten me. I told him to start democratic reforms and not delay."

"Outwardly, China has returned to calm," Wu'er said. "But in reality, the hatred against the present Communist leadership and their corruption still exists, stronger than ever."

"China is in economic turmoil," he said. "This will cause the peasants and the farmers in the countryside to join with the workers in a new revolt in the near future against the leadership."

■ US Senator Warren Rudman met in Beijing on Saturday with two senior Chinese officials to discuss US concerns about China's crackdown on the pro-democracy movement.

Rival declares 'war' on Roh

SEOUL, Aug. 13 (AP): The top opposition party today declared virtual political war against President Roh Tae-Woo after the government accused the party's leadership of implication in a North Korean spy case.

"The days of co-operation with the Roh regime are over," the Party of Peace and Democracy said in a statement after a lengthy caucus presided over by its head, Kim Dae-Jung.

The opposition statement added: "We have no choice but to fight by all possible means. There should be no dialogue with people who are all out to destroy us."

Government prosecutors charged that Kim Dae-Jung and senior party member Kim Won-Kie knew of a secret visit to communist North Korea by lawmaker Suh Kyung-Won last Aug. 19-21 but failed to report to authorities.

The two Kims are unrelated. Prosecutors quoted Suh, a member of Kim's party, as confessing that he had received \$50,000 (US) after meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang and had given \$10,000 (US) to Kim Dae-Jung after returning to Seoul.

Prosecutors also quoted Suh as confessing that he personally reported to Kim Dae-Jung about his secret trip in mid-April, two months earlier than the PPD head said party officials informed him of the trip.

That would mean Kim knew about Suh's trip before Suh turned himself in to authorities on June 25. Under South Korea's national security laws, failure to report such knowledge to authorities would be a crime.

Indicted

Suh was indicted yesterday on multiple charges of espionage, which could bring him a sentence of up to life in prison.

Kim Dae-Jung denied involvement and vowed to fight vigorously against the Roh government.

"I could not help laughing to hear such a preposterous story. Even a cow would laugh to hear that I received money from Rep. Suh, who was so poor and begged for money from everyone," he told supporters yesterday.

Kim did not say what measures he would employ against the Roh government but party officials said they would organise major anti-government rallies throughout the nation.

Prosecution officials said Suh had regularly spied for North Korea on political developments and dissident movements in the South since he was won over by North Korean agents operating out of West Germany in 1985.

Suh had received about \$70,000 (US) from North Korean agents in West Germany before visiting Pyongyang last year, the officials said.

The two Koreas have been arch enemies since their peninsula was divided in 1945. Their 1950-53 war left more than one million people killed or wounded.

Prosecutors had issued a subpoena summoning Kim Dae-Jung on Wednesday but officials today said they would delay that until after a parliamentary by-election in Seoul on Friday.

Kim said he would comply with the subpoena to prove him innocent and the falsity of the new charges against him.

Kim, who ran for president in 1971 and 1987, was questioned by government investigators last week about whether he knew of Suh's trip in advance or had sent a secret message to North Korean leaders through Suh or other channels.

After the 22-hour interrogation, Kim said he had been cleared of all allegations involving him, but officials said their probe was incomplete and would continue.

Kim argued today that the new charges against him were aimed at turning the tide in next week's by-election, in which his party's candidate is a front-runner.

Ships told to be cautious

TOKYO, Aug. 13 (AP): Japan has cautioned ships to guard against pirates in the South China Sea after Liberian and Panamanian vessels were reportedly attacked this month, the Maritime Safety Agency said today.

Japan's Kyodo News Service said pirates took a total of about \$6,700 from the captains of the two ships. It said pirates also attacked Greek and Norwegian vessels last Tuesday and Wednesday in the South China Sea off Indonesia's Anambas islands.

The pirates, in high-speed boats, catch up with a cargo ship, hook a rope to it and climb aboard Kyodo said.

Rescue workers and police inspect the wreckage of a hot air balloon which crashed today. (Reuters wirephoto)

Joy ride turns into nightmare

Balloon crash kills 13

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia, Aug. 13 (AP): Thirteen people plummeted 2,000 feet (600 metres) to their deaths early today when a pair of hot air balloons collided over the Australian outback, police said.

Twelve tourists and one pilot were on an early morning ride when the top of their balloon apparently bumped the bottom of another's gondola. The lower balloon deflated and dropped from the sky, a huge explosion.

He called it the worst crash in the 206-year history of ballooning.

News reports said the balloon involved was the biggest in Australia. There was no official confirmation.

Australian Associated Press, quoting witnesses, said the balloon's tip appeared to strike the underside of another gondola at 7:00 am (2106 GMT yesterday), 10 miles (16 kilometres) south of Alice Springs Airport.

Ballooning involving tourist groups is common around Alice Springs, which is near Ayers Rock, a huge monolith and a sacred Aboriginal site.

All the passengers appeared to be Australians.

Witnesses said three bodies were found some distance away from the crumpled gondola, suggesting they jumped at the last moment.

Ken Watts, who was flying a third balloon in the area at the time, recalled the stricken craft fell in a "semi-deformed state."

Toddy Ballooning, which operated the flight, was unavailable for comment. Four hot air balloons were in the area at the time.

Both balloons were inflated by burners fuelled by liquid propane gas.

There was no immediate explanation for why the balloon deflated.

Five killed in Chinese oil depot fire

BEIJING, Aug. 13 (AP): An oil depot fire sparked by lightning in the coastal city of Qingdao has left five firefighters dead, at least 64 people injured and at least 12 people missing, officials said.

Fires in five of six burning oil tanks were extinguished by tonight, about 36 hours after the fire started, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Premier Li Peng flew this morning to the burning Huangdiao depot, about 560 kilometres (350 miles) southeast of Beijing, to encourage the firefighters, it said.

Communist Party General Secretary also telephoned Qingdao officials to urge them to make all efforts to put the fires, Xinhua said.

The central government sent 20 tons of dry ice and 100 fire engines to the scene, and the Navy's north China Sea fleet sent hydroplanes and lifeboats to help.

The national television news said 12 people were missing and 86 injured, but Xinhua said 16 were missing and 64 injured. Both reports said five people were killed.

Suu ends hunger strike

Still under house arrest

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP): The Foreign Office said yesterday that Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi had given up a hunger strike and that her British husband and their children would return to Britain in September.

Suu Kyi, leader of Burma's main opposition political party, is under house arrest. Her husband, Oxford professor Michael Aris, flew to Burma to see her July 22 and had not been allowed contact with British diplomats since. Britain lodged a formal protest Aug. 4.

On Saturday, Aris met with the British consul in Rangoon at a Burmese military guest house in the presence of three Burmese officials, the Foreign Office said.

The Burmese government had said that under terms of Suu Kyi's house arrest, members of her family are forbidden to make contact with foreign embassies.

The Foreign Office said that Aris told the consul his wife had abandoned a protest hunger strike but would remain under house arrest.

Suu gave up the 2-week-old

hunger strike after "a solemn assurance" from Burmese officials about the safety of her followers in the National League for Democracy.

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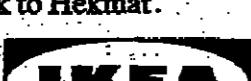
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Asean meeting on bases sought

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 13 (KUNA): Malaysia strongly feels that ASEAN member countries — Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei — should meet to discuss the presence of American military facilities in the region should the United States take in Singapore's recent offer to host the bases.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar said today this was only "logical" since Singapore and other ASEAN member countries had tabled the concept of a zone of peace, freedom and neutrality (Zoppan) in 1971 for Southeast Asia.

He told newsmen after his return here from a three-day visit to Australia that Malaysia had objected to Singapore's offer for several reasons.

He stressed one reason was that the presence of the bases would be a confrontation of the Zoppan concept.

Another was that should the US maintain its air base on the island republic, it would affect Malaysian air space.

Abu Hassan said he had voiced Malaysia's stand on the issue to Singapore's Foreign Minister Wong Kan Seng last month.

He said Malaysia had also voiced its stand on the Singapore offer to the US.

He added while in Australia he had also informed the Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans of Malaysia's stand on the Singapore offer.

Meanwhile, a Singapore official was reported to have said that a continued American presence in Southeast Asia is clearly in everyone's interest until ASEAN's goal of creating Zoppan can truly be achieved.

The report quoted political secretary to the Singapore Prime Minister's Office Ng Pock Too as saying that he was somewhat perplexed by objections of some ASEAN countries which seemed to have misunderstood Singapore's intentions.

Ng said Singapore was seeking neither a defence treaty with the US nor an increased American military presence in the region, adding all it wanted was to maintain the status quo of having an American presence, which had given all ASEAN countries the stability and security to grow and prosper over the last 20 years.

"And if this status quo had done well for ASEAN countries, we should make no pretence about it. We have to be pragmatic and realistic in choosing our options in achieving both security

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crime emergency

MOSCOW, Aug 13. (UPI): The Soviet crime rate this year reached its highest level in two decades and has become an "emergency situation," the government's chief prosecutor said yesterday.

Prosecutor-General Alexander Sukharev said "the crime rate in the Soviet Union has been surging very rapidly in the past two years," with steep increases in virtually all categories of crime recorded in every one of the country's 5 republics.

"Today we observe an emergency situation in the country connected with crime," Sukharev told Pravda, the official newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party.

Police charged

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Aug 13. (AP): Eleven white policemen are scheduled to appear in court tomorrow to face armed robbery charges after they allegedly robbed black entrepreneurs in several townships near Johannesburg.

Police headquarters has released few details about the case and said that "sensitive" investigations were continuing following the arrest last week.

Local news reports said the suspects, all in their 30s, had targeted the owners of licensed and unlicensed taverns in the townships and had stolen at least \$40,000 over a four-month period.

Holiday break

ATHENS, Greece, Aug 13. (AP): Over one-million residents of the capital took advantage of a four-day holiday weekend and departed for the nearby countryside and island traffic officials reported today.

The exodus began Friday as tens-of-thousands of cars streamed out of the Athens area as a brief summer shower fell. The slippery roads forced many of the drivers to slow down creating kilometer-long (miles) queues and scores of accidents.

Film awards

LOCARNO, Switzerland, Aug 13. (AP): South Korean painter-producer-director Yong Kyun Bae has won the top prize of the 1989 Locarno Film Festival for his film "Why Bodhi Dharma Left for the Orient."

The international jury awarded the film the golden Leopard for what reviewers hailed as a vivid and poetic masterpiece. The silver Leopard went to "The Birth" (Piravi), an ode to paternal love by Indian director Shaji N. Karun.

Protest criticised

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 13. (Reuter): A Jewish leader yesterday criticised Jewish protests at the former Auschwitz Nazi death camp, saying they helped provoke a Polish Cardinal's decision to scrap plans to remove a convent from the site.

The Cardinal's move, based on what he said was a campaign of violence and aggression by Jews against the convent, produced angry protests from international Jewish leaders, who claim a convent has no business on history's biggest Jewish graveyard.

But rabbi David Rosen, international director for interfaith relations of the Anti-Defamation League, said he agreed that a demonstration by seven Jews last month at the convent only complicated an already delicate situation.

Silent protest

PRAGUE, Aug 13. (UPI): Czechoslovak dissidents yesterday called on their countrymen to mark the anniversary of the 1968 Soviet-led invasion against Czechoslovakia with staging silent protests to show their desire for freedom and human rights suppressed by the regime.

A statement by the human rights group Charter 77 and four other activist groups called on the Czechoslovak people "to assemble in public and even take part in peaceful demonstrations."

The statement which was made available to Western news agencies also said that Charter 77 activists and other dissidents have decided "to express their political views by walking through the centres of towns and cities in the afternoon of Aug 21."

Observatory records

HONG KONG, Aug 13. (AP): An intense earthquake was recorded near the southern Philippine island province of Mindanao this morning, the Royal Hong Kong Observatory reported.

An observatory statement said the quake had a magnitude estimated at 5.4 on the Richter scale. It was centred about 90 kilometres (56 miles) southeast of Surigao in Mindanao, Philippines, the statement added.

An observatory spokesman said he has no additional detail of the quake which was recorded at 00.51 am local time (1651 GMT).

Talks suspended

KINSHASA, Zaire, Aug 13. (AP): Four days of talks aimed at ending Angola's 14-year civil war have been suspended until next Thursday after making "appreciable progress," Zairean officials said.

A statement yesterday announcing the suspension of negotiations did not specify in which areas progress had been made.

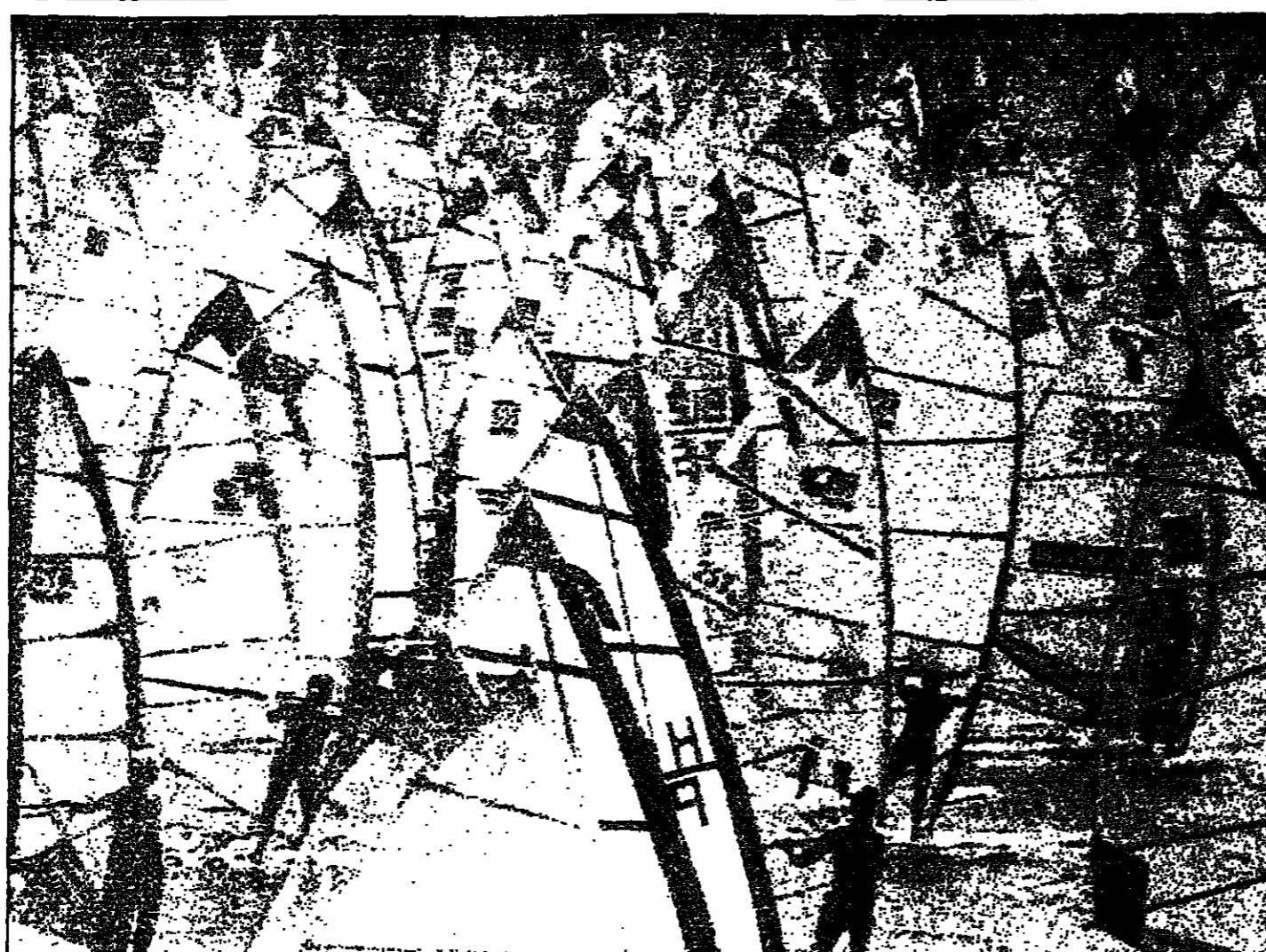
The third round of talks since a June 22 ceasefire accord was reached between the Angolan government and the US-backed UNITA rebels ended on Friday. Zaire said they would resume Aug 17.

Parachutist killed

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13. (KUNA): The parachuting jumps rehearsal here today for the 15th sea games opening ceremony turned out to be a horrifying event when a parachutist was killed while another seriously injured in a freak accident.

A police spokesman said both the parachutists fell at a height of 1,200m above the ground when they were trying to link together during the first jump.

He said they were believed to have been entangled when they executed their parachutes at that height.



Surf's up

More than 500 surfers prepare for the Engadin Surf Marathon Sunday in St. Moritz, Switzerland. West German Tim Stade won the competition. (Reuter wirephoto)

Azeris seeking more autonomy

Popular Front calls for strike

BAKU, Soviet Union, Aug 13. (Agencies): Azerbaijan's Popular Front has called a one-day strike for tomorrow and a general strike, probably in September, to back its demand for greater autonomy for the southern Soviet republic.

The strike call came after 80,000 Azerbaijanis demonstrated in Baku's central square yesterday in support of the front and threatening a series of stoppages which could halt the region's vital oil production.

The front wants legal recognition, the recall of Azerbaijani deputies from the Soviet parliament, where it says they fail to represent local interests, and an end to what amounts to military rule clamped on the area to stop ethnic violence.

Bitter stories, broken hopes

Turks return to Bulgaria

SVILENGRAD, Bulgaria, Aug 13. (Reuter): A trainload of ethnic Turks brimming with excitement leaves Bulgaria daily for Turkey but small groups are now returning with bitter stories of broken hopes.

Some people in a group of 20 at the neat Bulgarian border station at Svilengrad cried with relief today after returning from Turkey. Others hung their heads as if ashamed.

On another platform, what Turkey calls the "Train of Shame" from northern Bulgaria stood waiting with 655 ethnic Turks full of anticipation of a new life in what many is a promised land.

"I went over to tell them, Turkey would not be easy, but nobody would listen," said a woman from the town of Shumen. "Let them go and see for themselves."

Turkey says more than a quarter of a million ethnic Turks have streamed across the border since early June on three-month tourist visas. fleeing is that they say is a forcible assimilation campaign.

About 1,000 have now returned, some taking the international train to Svilengrad and rejoining the special train for the trip back to northern Bulgaria.

Bulgaria officials say a steadily rising number are now coming back, despite alleged Turkish harassment of those hankering for their orderly Bulgarian towns and villages.

Ahmet, one of those returning, said Turkey was fine. But he said he had no luck finding a job during a six-day tour with his family and "in the train they called me an infidel and hit me, asking why I wanted to go back."

While it is uncertain how many will ultimately go back, a tour of eastern Bulgaria showed that possibly less than half of those who applied for travel passports had got them.

Families in overladen vehicles backed up in mountain villages said Bulgarian police had prevented them leaving even though they had passports.

In eastern Haskovo, the few remaining ethnic Turks said police were trying to collect up passports already issued.

Bulgarian officials blamed delays on Turkey temporarily slowing down its intake and said they did not want people sleeping on the road.

Some of those returning to Svilengrad were loaded with bedsteads and piles of baggage, while others had only the clothes on their backs.

Most said they had come back to Bulgaria simply because they could not find work and could not afford the rents in Turkey, but the better-educated thought there was a deeper problem.

"It's a completely different culture there," said a young geography graduate. "I'm used to dressing up in short summer clothes but when I went out in the street the men looked at me as though I was something from the jungle."

Some complained that nudity in the sensationalist Turkish press was disgusting and un-Islamic. Others said socialist education in Soviet-bloc Bulgaria meant they could not cope with Turkey's sharp divisions between rich and poor.

They also said pressure had been put on them by their own relatives and militants who had encouraged them to leave Bulgaria in the first place.

"I ran away from my family in Istanbul and took a taxi with my two children to the Bulgarian consulate for help," said Boyka Angelova Chistova. "Thank god I escaped."

As the "Train of Shame" crossed the Bulgarian border with Turkey, cheers broke out and people jammed windows to see what many said was their first sight of another country.

Martial Turkish music crackled out of loudspeakers at Turkey's Kapikule station and an announcer said: "Welcome to Turkey. May you live here in peace."

Bonn to close embassy in Budapest because of East German refugee surge

BONN, Aug 13. (AP): The Foreign Ministry announced today it would close the West German embassy in Budapest tomorrow because its capacity to aid a flood of East German refugees is "totally exhausted."

Several hundred East Germans seeking to emigrate to the West have been held up for nearly two weeks at the embassy in the Hungarian capital, as well as at West German missions in Prague, Czechoslovakia and East Berlin.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Claus Wunderlich declined to say how many East Germans were at the

Budapest embassy today, but news reports last week put the number near 300 and more refugees have been arriving each day.

"The reception capacity for East German asylum seekers at the representation in Budapest is totally exhausted," the ministry announced in a statement delivered to news agencies. "The embassy must therefore be closed for the time being, beginning tomorrow, Aug 14."

Bonn closed its East Berlin mission on Tuesday after 131 East Germans sought refuge there, and officials have said it would not be reopened until

normal diplomatic operations can be resumed.

The East Berlin mission spokesman, Eberhard Grashoff, said 10 of the East Germans left the grounds this morning of their own accord, but the others were still camped in the protected mission compound.

Both West German and East German officials have advised the refugees to return home and seek legal means of emigrating.

East Berlin's communist leadership has said there will be no reprisals against those who sought West German refuge, and Bonn authorities have

cautioned the East Germans that they need permission from their government to leave for the West.

The refugee situation in Budapest developed this summer after Hungary's dismantling of border barriers with Austria. At least 1,500 East Germans are estimated to have escaped to the West through Hungary since May.

Most of those at the West German embassy in Budapest are East Germans who were allowed to travel to Hungary, then attempted to escape to Austria and were caught by Hungarian border guards.

'Two missing Israelis dead'

Military declines to confirm

LONDON, Aug 13. (Agencies): Israel believes two of the three Israelis missing in Lebanon are dead and the Shiite Muslim sheikh seized by Israel has confirmed this to his interrogators, the Sunday Times newspaper reported today.

Quoting senior sources in the Israeli government, the newspaper said Israeli intelligence officers reached this conclusion after questioning Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid, kidnapped from his South Lebanon home on July 28 in the hope that Israel could swap him for the three Israelis.

An Israeli military spokesman declined to confirm the report. "Regarding the soldiers, the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) cannot get information from sources unidentified, and until it is proven otherwise, the soldiers are alive," he said.

Highlights

Robin Higgins certain: Robin Higgins, in a moving salute to her husband last week, spoke of the "virtual certainty" he'd been killed at the hands of his Lebanese terrorist kidnappers.

Mrs Higgins made the announcement nearly 18 months after Lt. Col. William Higgins was taken captive and following an exhaustive FBI study of a videotape recently released by his kidnappers, which purported to show Higgins' body, bound and gagged and hanging from a makeshift gallows.

The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth, which held Higgins, claimed it hanged him July 31 because Israel refused to free Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid, Israel, whose soldier abducted Obeid from his Lebanon home on July 28, says Obeid had directed terrorist attacks on the Jewish state.

Higgins' corpse was not made available to US officials, and a UN official who travelled to Beirut to search for the body returned empty-handed. A formal declaration of death could be some time coming.

The problem is a familiar one to other US military families who struggled with uncertainty regarding the fate of their loved ones.

Since World War I, the Pentagon lists approximately 92,000 troops as missing in action. Much attention has been focused recently on the 2,344 military personnel still unaccounted for from the Vietnam war. (AP)

A spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he had no knowledge of new information regarding the soldiers. Shamir stressed Iran's importance in resolving the Lebanese hostage crisis in talks today with the US Ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering, aides said.

Israel Defense Force spokesman Ephraim Lapid told Army radio such published reports were not worth responding to, were not reliable and hurt the families of the missing soldiers.

Military commanders telephoned the families of the soldiers reported dead and advised them not to regard the Sunday Times article as the final word on the fate of the men, Israel Radio reported.

The newspaper said Israel had long been aware that the two missing soldiers — Joseph Fink and Rahamim Alstoch — had been injured when they were ambushed by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement in February 1986 in southern Lebanon. But it thought at least one of them might still be alive.

The newspaper quoted Arab sources in West Beirut as confirming the deaths and saying the soldiers' captors staged a photograph printed in a Beirut magazine showing soldiers lying in hospital beds. The sources said both soldiers were dead when the picture was taken.

A third Israeli missing in Lebanon, an Air Force pilot, was in the hands of a group with closer ties to Syria than to Iran, the newspaper said.

It added that Shamir wanted to keep the information secret from the United States for fear that Washington would put pressure on him to free Obeid in exchange for 17 Westerners, including eight Americans, believed held in Lebanon.

The spiritual mentor of Hezbollah, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, has offered to help free Western hostages in Lebanon if equal efforts are exerted to release Arab prisoners in Israeli jails.

US President Bush called on US citizens nationwide to pray today for the Americans held hostage in Lebanon as "the most important way to deal with... this tragic situation."

Twice in the past week, as he pressed for the release of the American hostages through diplomatic channels, Bush issued a call for the national prayers during services today.

"This Sunday millions of Americans of every faith will attend worship services. We have much to give thanks for in this country," he said. "But I ask that each of you say a special prayer this Sunday for the American hostages being held in Lebanon."

White aides continued to report no new developments on the hostage situation, which was rekindled with the July 31 announcement of the hanging of hostage American Lt. Col. William Higgins. The appeal for prayers came from the President as his spokesman said on Friday, "we'd like to lower our voices and let the issues play out."

The administration has amassed warships off the coast of Lebanon and has been pressing diplomatic contacts on a daily basis. And in an apparent new tactic to resolve the situation, Bush also last week consulted with various religious figures, praying at one point with an evangelical leader, talking by telephone to the Pope and lunching with a Catholic cardinal from Boston.

"In the last several days, we have all struggled with the reality of Americans being held in a foreign land, tortured and sometimes killed by their captors," Bush said in a statement he read to reporters once and released a second time. "Even as we search for political solutions to this problem, I believe that prayer is the most important way to deal with the human response to this tragic situation."

"I believe in prayer," he said in the Oval Office on Thursday. "It gives us strength in times of need. It gives us hope in times of despair. It gives us optimism in times of opportunity."

"So I ask again that each of you join me this Sunday in saying a special prayer for the American hostages, their families and their friends," he implored.

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MIDEAST

Fungus sale to Iran blocked

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (UPI): The United States blocked attempts by Iranian researchers to buy poison-producing strains of fungus from Canada and the Netherlands earlier this year, the New York Times said today.

The efforts, revealed for the first time by Western intelligence officials, have sparked fears that Iran may be trying to develop a weapon from the toxins the fungus produces, the Times said.

According to the report, Bush administration officials said the Iranian attempts highlight a new and complex problem in foreign affairs: The lack of any international efforts to limit the development of weapons made from organic compounds.

Though there are international agreements governing the spread of technology to create nuclear and chemical weapons, there are no such pacts limiting weapons developed from germs, microbes or toxins, in part because the substances and technology that would be used to make weapons could also be put to peaceful research ends.

The Iranians may have wanted to acquire the fungi to develop a defence against biological weapons, but the Bush administration decided to intervene, asking the Canadians and Dutch to block the sale, because it did not want to take a chance that they intended to make offensive weapons, the Times said.

The fungo Iranian researchers sought to buy are found on wheat and grass, and produce mycotoxins, some of which harm humans and animals by inhibiting the ability of cells to synthesize proteins. They can cause death in sufficient concentrations.

Many scientists say mycotoxins are a strange choice for weapons because they are not highly lethal, and are more difficult to deploy than chemical weapons such as mustard gas, which has been used since World War I, and was reportedly used by Iraq in the eight-year Arabian Gulf war against Iran.

An Iranian, identified as Mr Moalem in the intelligence reports referred to in the Times' article, first contacted Dr H. Bruno Scheifer, the director of the Toxicology Research Centre at the University of Saskatchewan about acquiring samples of the fungus in December 1988, the Times said.

Scheifer refused the Iranian's request after consulting with the Canadian government, the newspaper said.

There is a pharmacologist named A. Moalem who works in the poison unit at the Imam Reza Medical centre at Meshed Medical Sciences University in the Iranian city of Meshed, the Times said.

Kurds kill seven

BALCESARAY, Turkey, Aug 13, (AP): Suspected Kurdish rebels raided three townships in the southeastern province of Van and killed seven people, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported today.

The agency said about 50 insurgents killed a village guard when they raided the village of Lican in Cukurca township yesterday evening.

After burning the village's primary school, the rebels commandeered a bus and travelled to Balcesaray township, where they attacked the subgovernor's residence with rocket launchers, the agency said. No one was in the building at the time.

The insurgents shot to death people in the township and wounded another before fleeing, the report said.

Anatolia said one rebel was killed in a clash with security forces that had chased them in the mountainous area.

'Under house arrest' claim

Blind Muslim preacher freed

CAIRO, Aug 13, (AP): Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind Muslim preacher and fundamentalist leader charged with anti-government activity has been released, but he said today he was under virtual house arrest.

Abdel Rahman was twice acquitted of charges connected to the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in October 1981. He and 48 others face new charges of illegal possession of weapons, attempting to kill a police officer and assault on people and public property.

The charges are punishable by death.

Last Thursday, a State Security Court trying them ordered the release of Abdel Rahman and 24 others in detention, and remanded to custody one defendant charged with the bombing of a theatre house.

Iran's radicals battle for key posts

DUBAI, Aug 13, (Reuter): Radical Islamic leaders are fighting hard to get the key foreign and intelligence posts in Iran's new government, which could create a split in foreign and economic policy.

Newly-elected President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani is expected to announce his cabinet after Parliament reconvenes in the coming week.

The names that appear will indicate whether Iran will focus on economic revival and reconstruction of international political ties. Iranian and Western analysts said today.

"If the hardliners get these posts, there will inevitably be confrontation over future policy," said

an Iranian analyst.

Rafsanjani has made clear he wants to concentrate on rebuilding an economy which is alive but barely breathing after eight years of war with Iraq and confrontation with the West.

He has ended Tehran's longstanding hostility to Moscow and used the latest crisis over Western hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon to negotiations to the United States, the "great satan" of Iran's Islamic revolution.

Iranian political sources close to senior parliamentarians in Tehran said Rafsanjani appeared assured of getting the men he wanted into

the main economic portfolios but the radicals believed he could not exclude them entirely.

Current Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi has been most outspoken in contradicting Rafsanjani. Western analysts believe his post could go to former interior minister and Rafsanjani supporter Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri.

The sources said the radicals were struggling to have current Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, whose job disappears in new presidential powers, as foreign minister, and Mohammed Mousavi Khoeniha as internal security chief.

Iranian analysts said Rafsanjani's preferred choice for Foreign Minister is Mohammad Javad Larijani, fluent in English and a doctor of logic and mathematics from the University of California.

They said the present Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, was lined up for the post of vice-president.

The sources said Rafsanjani's men to watch for in the economic ministries were Mohsen Nourbakhsh, a California-trained economist and former Central Bank governor, and Habibollah Asgaroladi, an influential spokesman for merchants' interests in Parliament.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Turkey to scrap

ANKARA, Aug 13, (Reuter): Turkey, where nearly 2,000 inmates are on hunger strike to protest against harsh prison rules, will abolish physical punishment in jails, Justice Minister Oltan Sungurlu said today.

"Physical punishments with disciplinary purpose such as chaining of prisoners, solitary confinement in dark cells and bread-and-water diets are being abolished," he told the semi-official Anatolian news agency.

Cars registration

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 13, (Reuter): Israel, in a major extension of control, is to register vehicles in its south Lebanon security zone in an attempt to prevent suicide car bombings, a militia leader said today.

Antoine Lahd, commander of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA), told reporters his men would soon issue car number plates in Israel's self-declared border zone.

Speaking after meeting Israeli army officers, he also said he was agreed to confiscate any car which had fewer than two passengers.

Dynamite explosion

ALGIERS, Aug 13, (Reuter): Fifty-three people were wounded when a dynamite charge exploded in the western Algerian town of Djidjia on Wednesday, the Algerian news agency APS reported yesterday.

APS said an accidental fire in the courtyard of a home triggered the explosion which damaged 13 houses in the town, 200 km (125 miles) west of Algiers.

Oil slicks

DUBAI, Aug 13, (KUNA): Small oil slicks have been spotted off the emirates of Dubai and Sharjah last week. Al Bayan daily reported today, quoting maritime sources.

The patches of oil, each about one yard in diameter, were sighted some six nautical miles from the Rashed Port of Dubai and three nautical miles off the Khaled Port in Sharjah, the paper said.

A Dubai Coast Guard source said the pollution occurred when an unloaded oil tanker flying a Panamanian flag dumped its ballast water.

The Dubai port authorities have requested other Gulf countries to insist that tankers calling at their ports be equipped with special filters for their ballast waters.

Academy to accept

CAIRO, Aug 13, (KUNA): Egyptian Deputy Interior Minister and head of the Police Academy Lt Gen Farouq Al Qassas said here today that the academy will accept applications from Arab students, who have obtained high school certificate this year with not less than 55 per cent marks and fulfill the required qualification.

Al Qassas said in a statement that applications by interested students will be accepted through their country's respective embassies in Cairo.

The applicants, with the required educational background, should be physically fit and should not be less than 22 years of age on 1st October 1989.

Sheep rejected

RIYADH, Aug 13, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia has rejected two shiploads of live sheep from Australia and Somalia, saying they were diseased, the official Saudi Press Agency said today.

It quoted a source at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water as saying a consignment of 33,561 sheep was sent back to Australia last Thursday from the Eastern Province port of Dammam.

Riyadh rejected two consignments of sheep from Australia earlier this month on suspicion the animals were infected with blue tongue disease.

Meeting wound up

BAGHDAD, Aug 13, (KUNA): Information ministers of the four-member Arab Co-operation Council wound up a two-day meeting here yesterday by approving a media and cultural exchange accord.

The accord underscores the cultural similarity and common vision among peoples of Jordan, Egypt, Arab Yemen and Iraq as part of the Arab nation.

It calls for intensive media coverage to serve development purposes in the ACC states, economic advancement and efforts to educate and shape a united public opinion.

The accord also allows for concerted steps to reflect and explain to the Arab and outside world activities of the group and individual achievements made by member states.

Hussein receives

AMMAN, Aug 13, (KUNA): Jordanian monarch King Hussein today received visiting American Senator Peter Domichini.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed developments concerning the Middle East issue and bilateral relations in the fields of economic and financial and means of developing them.

Earlier, the US senator met with Premier Zaid Al Bakr in the presence of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassas, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim Ezzeldeen and Ambassador to Jordan.

Aide to bomber held

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 13, (AP): Israeli security forces and South Lebanon Army militiamen have captured a Lebanese man who allegedly assisted a suicide car bomb attack in South Lebanon last week, the Army said today.

The man, identified as a mercenary of the Hezbollah, was captured on Wednesday, the day of the car bombing attack fighter but the Army withheld the information until today, an Army statement said.

Five Israeli soldiers were wounded, one critically, when a car packed with 250 kilograms (550 pounds) of explosives blew up near a convoy of Israeli and SLA troops.



Dead man's body removed

Civil defence workers evacuate the body of a man killed during fierce shelling pitting Christian Lebanese Army troops against Syrian gunners in the Lebanese capital today. (Reuter wirephoto)

Beirut dies in ash

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Syrian regulars, Druze militiamen and Syrian-backed radical Palestinian commandos were beaten back.

A military communiqué said the attacking force left some 150 dead and wounded littering the battle zone. But a senior Army source later said 10 Syrians, 20 Druze and 20 Palestinians were confirmed killed.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, declined to say what Army casualties were, but admitted there are plenty.

He said another 12 Syrians were killed in fighting along Beirut's dividing Green Line.

Sources at Aoun's headquarters said the Syrians attacked while the Souk Al Gharb garrison was at its "lowest degree of combat readiness" as the 2,500-man 8th Brigade was starting to rotate with the 10th Brigade.

If the Syrians had captured it, they would have been able to tighten the noose around the Christians besieged in their 510-square-mile (800-square-km) heartland since mid-March.

Security sources said the US, Argentinian, Brazilian and Turkish embassies and the French ambassador's residence had been hit by shells, but there were no reports of casualties.

In some areas, shells, rockets and mortar bombs were raining down at the rate of one a second.

Islamic party planned

UK Muslims unite

LONDON, Aug 13, (KUNA): Muslims in the UK are to launch an Islamic political party to field candidates in next May's local government elections and in key constituencies at the next general election.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported that the party will find widespread support in areas with high immigration populations and already has guarantees of "tens of thousands" from unnamed supporters.

It will challenge the main opposition Labour Party, which until now has claimed the working class Muslim vote.

Founders of the Islamic Party of Britain, all Western born converts to the faith, hope to recruit 10,000 members by the end of the year in following the Salman Rushdie affair, the publication added.

The supporters include former pop singer Cat Stevens, now Yussif Islam, an outspoken Muslim campaigner here since his conversion.

Candidates will be put up for local councils in Birmingham, Manchester, West Yorkshire, London and Glasgow.

By the general election in around two or three years time, there is a "strong possibility" of parliamentary candidates standing against Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, in Birmingham, the English Midlands.

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The ministry, in charge of internal security, had reportedly invoked emergency regulations and extended the detention of those ordered released.

Four collaborators killed in held areas

Gazans in dilemma over cards

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 13, (Reuter): Israeli troops shot dead two Arab children and Palestinian activists killed four suspected collaborators in another weekend of violence in a 20-month-old uprising in the occupied territories.

In the Gaza Strip, troops fired teargas and shots in the air to disperse angry Palestinian workers demanding new identity cards to work in Israel, witnesses said. The troops arrested some Palestinians, they said.

An Arab hospital said a three-year-old girl, Bothina Hejo, died of gunshots wounds in her chest and arm during clashes in the Khan since the revolt erupted in December 1987.

Gaza workers have been caught in a tug-of-wills between Israeli authorities who force them to carry the computerised cards and enforcers of the uprising who demand they forfeit them rather than work in Israel.

The cards, distributed over the last two months, will be mandatory by Friday, security sources said. The cards aim to keep out Arabs suspected by Israel of inciting violence.

Tawfiq, 33, a worker from Gaza City, said today he had been working in Israel since he was 19 years old. He said Palestinian youths forced him to give up his card a month ago.

"I have been working for all this time, and now the Israelis send me back and they do not allow me to get in. I made a plastic card but the card was taken. What can we do to have people reduce the pressure on us?" he said.

Some 110,000 Palestinians from the occupied territories work in Israel.

Three masked Arab youths boarded a workers' bus in Gaza City and ordered passengers to turn in their cards while other youths kept an eye on soldiers manning the police station next door, witnesses said.

A 16-year-old Palestinian died today of wounds suffered in a clash with soldiers.

Eleven Palestinians were shot and wounded in clashes with soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arab hospital officials said.

The officials said two of the victims were in serious condition with chest wounds from plastic bullets after a clash in the Gaza Strip's Jabalya refugee camp. A 12-year-old lost an eye when a new kind of weapon, maybe MiG-29s ... would also appear in this country.

Syderski, speaking in an interview with an Austrian television network, noted that the United States has said it plans to deliver new weapons to the rebels, but he said that the weapons have not yet arrived.

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KD25m in unpaid phone bills

New Shuwaikh computer in 1990

ACTING undersecretary at the Ministry of Communications Salman Al Roumi has said that the outstanding payment from subscriber's bill up to the month of June reached KD25 million, and that the ministry collected between KD4 to 5 million on a regularly monthly basis.

He told KUNA that the ministry was taking all measures to avoid delay in dial-tone call at its centrals in Riqqa and Shuwaikh, and that the process in Riqqa would involve the relocation of cables from the old to the new

central, which would be done early next October.

He added that at the Shuwaikh central, the process would involve replacement of the operating computer with one of larger capacity, which would be possible in May 1990.

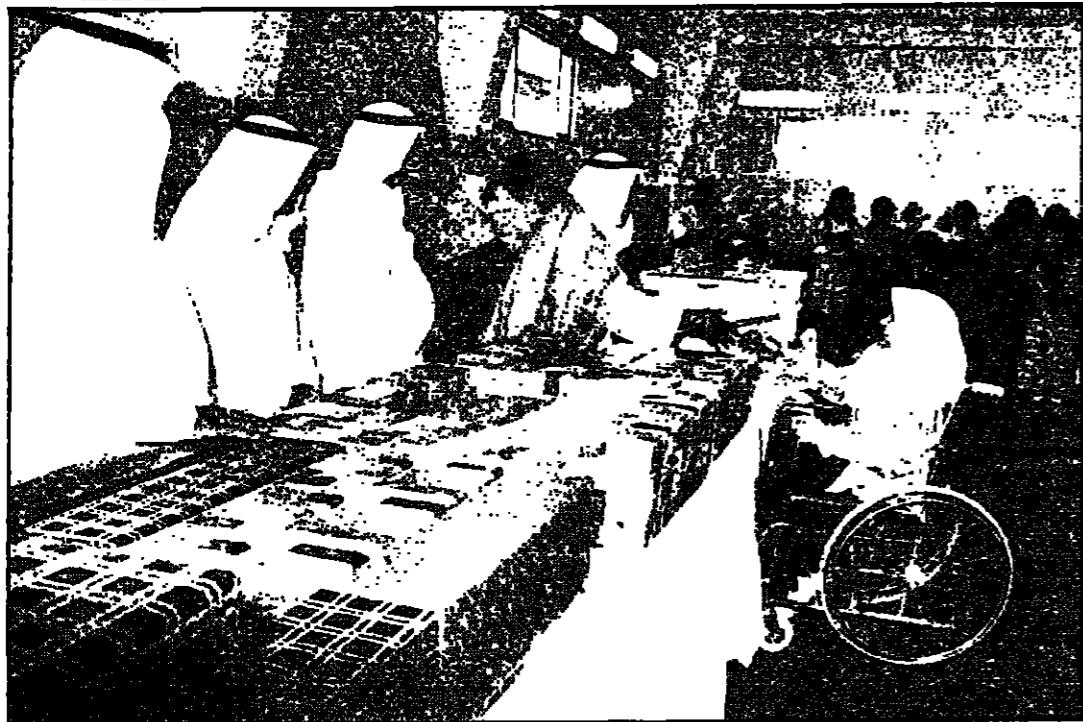
Specifications

He said the problem posed by the similarity in subscriber's names can be solved through use of the Civil ID cards, and that it was a problem of a general nature and not confined

to the ministry exclusively.

Roumi said the new ministry telephone sets conformed with technical specifications, and that the availability of a few defective sets did not mean that all sets were inefficient and below standard.

He added not all telephone sets available at the market were good for use with the ministry telephone grid and that the ministry had no objection to the import of telephone sets so long as they conformed with approved ministry specifications.



Amiri prizes for students

BRINGING together normal and disabled people under the roof of one summer club is intended to sublimate interaction and to enhance co-operation, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari, undersecretary at the Ministry of Education said.

The official was speaking at the prize award ceremony organised by the ministry to distribute the prizes donated by HH the Amiri to outstanding members of the country's summer clubs. He added: 'Interaction and co-operation is on the clear understanding that everyone — irrespective of their physical or mental limitations, can in their own way contribute to the national building and development process.'

Meters for call taxis being studied in-depth

Prices should reflect service

SEVERAL firms specialised in the supply and installation of taxi meters are still submitting offers to the Ministry of Interior who are represented by the General Traffic Department and in this connection, an in-depth study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of installing taxi meters on call taxis.

A decision by the department some time ago to install meters on call taxis has resulted in controversy among taxi office owners, taxi drivers and passengers.

According to a number of office owners and taxi drivers, they fear that the new measures will adversely affect their business. However, passengers all were in favour of the new system as they believe it would streamline the services, provide healthy competition, resulting in improved passenger services and will contribute to eradication of the exploitation of passengers.

A local daily surveyed the opinions of taxi office owners, taxi drivers and passengers to highlight their reactions towards this decision.

Rashed Saeer, the owner of a call taxi business, said that taxi

in all advanced countries are compelled to install taxi meters. However, call taxis are an exception as their services are not specifically for the general public, but tailored to specific individual needs of a section of the people who desire a certain level of exclusivity.

These passengers call for the taxi to pick up the passenger from a predesignated spot. These passengers are restricted to those who call via the phone for such services. However, he added that he has no objection to installing meters for his taxis — provided they are permitted by the government to canvass business in the same manner as public taxis.

"If Kuwait is to be compared with other countries in this respect, it is reasonable to accept that call taxi meters should have an opening price of 100-150 fils only," Deeb added.

Organisation

Meanwhile, Mohammed Atef, one of the passengers frequently using the call taxi services stated that he believes that the decision to install meters on taxis will not go through. However, he added that the decision should be implemented to get the taxi business organised on an equitable basis.

Zeyad Hosain, manager of a call taxi office indicated his displeasure at the decision, but said that if the system is implemented the opening rate of meters should not be less than 500 fils. He added that installing taxi meters will not be any way beneficial to customers as the present prices are reasonable. He recommended that meters should only be operated on long hauls and that the current pricing system should be kept at the status quo.

Interest

Faisal Behbehani, the general director at one of the call taxi companies praised the decision as he said it is in the interests of customers, but pointed out that the opening price of the meter should be a minimum of 250 fils.

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KUWAIT/GULF

Kuwait voices concern on Lebanon

'Stop this blood-letting'

KUWAIT, Aug 13, (KUNA): The Kuwait government today voiced utmost concern and indignation at the vicious cycle of violence in Lebanon, urging all Lebanese parties to undertake their historic responsibility and stop the blood-letting.

Acting government spokesman and Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said following a cabinet weekly session today, chaired by Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, that the government was watching with great concern the tragic events in

sisterly Lebanon.

"The cabinet," he indicated, "while expressing utmost anxiety and indignation at the deplorable incidents, appeals to all Lebanese brethren and parties to bear their historical responsibility and stop this blood-letting."

Appeal

The council, Awadi added, also appeals to all Arab countries, represented by the tripartite committee assigned to tackle the Lebanese crisis, to continue sincere efforts

for extricating Lebanon from its present dilemma and extend every assistance that would contribute to reinstatement of peace and tranquillity, revive its institutions and maintain its national and territorial integrity.

At the outset, Dr Awadi said the cabinet was apprised by acting premier and foreign minister on last week's visit to the country made by Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Ben Shaker who conveyed a message to HH the Amir from King Hussein.

Greater power for councils

KUWAIT, Aug 13, (KUNA): A draft decree approved by the cabinet today, to organise the work of councils in different governorates embodies the desire of HH the Amir to give local councils greater power in upgrading services in residential areas, a cabinet spokesman said today.

Planning Minister and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said the draft decree, which has been forwarded to the Amiri Diwan for signing, should fulfil local needs and improve the standard of services in residential districts.

The draft decree, said the spokesman, provides an organisational framework that should fulfil objectives in all areas of developments.

Dr Awadi pointed out that the draft decree gives governorate councils power of involvement in local development programmes to ensure them sound and steady completion.

The decree also enables governors to follow up implementation of the state's general policy in their governorates, besides receiving local petitions and working to settle them.

Awadi added that the councils will receive appropriation from the Council of Ministers, and can receive funds from public donors and public societies.

Due to the important role of governorate councils, the draft decree calls for the formation of a high council for governorate affairs under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier to facilitate and co-ordinate their works, the spokesman concluded.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Awqaf visit

KUWAIT, Aug 13, (KUNA): Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Undersecretary Mohammed Nasser Al Hamdhan today left for the Soviet Union on a several day visit.

Hamdhan will represent Kuwait at celebrations of the religious administration for Muslims in Siberia and Europe, which will take place on Tuesday and last until August 25.

He will stop-over in West Germany en route to Moscow.

Water delegation

KUWAIT, Aug 13, (KUNA): A delegation of the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation is currently visiting Kuwait to exchange experiences in the field of water desalination.

The delegation includes ministry Director of Water Development Fawzi Abu Al Tai, head of the Public Accounts Department Adnan Hassan Mansi, Director of the Administrative and Financial Department Faisal Abdullah Al Zubaidi and Electric Engineer Muhammed Husni Bawwah.

Indian programme

KUWAIT TV — Channel II — will telecast a special programme on occasion of India's Independence Day at 7.30 pm on August 15, 1989. The programme is expected to present visual clips on India's progress in various fields of public life.

Kuwait Radio — Urdu Service — is also scheduled to broadcast a 15-minute special programme on occasion of the Independence Day of India, at 8.15 pm on August 15, 1989, immediately after the news bulletin.

ACC meeting

BAGHDAD, Aug 13, (KUNA): Ministers of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) states will meet here for the first time on Tuesday to identify fields of joint cooperation and ways to back up joint Islamic work.

The two-day meeting will also review means to deal with threats facing the Arab nation and coordination of stances and activities of ACC Awqaf ministers.

Bahrain tourism

THE Department of Tourism in Bahrain said yesterday that 371,203 people left Bahrain during the first quarter of this year and 281,174 people left the country during the second quarter. Most of those who left in the first quarter went on tourism; trade, treatment while most of those who left in the second quarter went for study and journalism.

MEW to automate bill collection system

KD8m in unpaid bills

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Subscribers Affairs at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Ali Al Fneini indicated that the ministry will implement an automatic system for the collection of water and electricity bills as of next December.

The new system at the ministry will be linked with bank computers and provide automatic and instantaneous information on paid and unpaid subscriber bills.

In a special interview with a local daily, Fneini said the ministry has 351,000 listed consumers of which 261,000 are electricity subscribers and 90,000 water subscribers. The total cost of annual water consumption amounted to KD252 million.

However, subscribers contributed only KD48 million, the rest is subsidised by the government.

He said the ministry has treated the problem of water discolouration at Shuwaikh station and will move to other stations in the near future.

Meters

Installing water meters at residential buildings falls within the purview of landlords, the official said and added that the ministry will not force any person to install water meters at each residential flat.

The country has 27 water tanks

ker loading stations operating around the clock. The Ministry of Electricity and Water will establish a number of modern water stations in Juleeb Al Shuyookh, Khetian, Um Al Haiman, and Sabahiya South. It will also restore Jahra station and will expand Abdali and Wafra stations. The existing services of water tankers will continue at the present time.

Fneini said that the total maximum electrical capacity of power stations is 7,000 mega watts and it will reach 9,000 mega watts in 1995 after establishing the Subiya power station.

The ministry stipulated the price of one thousand gallon of water at KD1.750, the official said and urged residents to complain to the Consumers Protection Department at the Ministry of Commerce in case they are over charged.

Regarding the project on bringing water from Shatt Al Arab, Fneini stated that the issue is still under study and that the ministry intends to increase the quantities of water applied for irrigation only in the initial stages.

Expansion

The Fintas East division will have electricity within two months and electricity will be connected to Kheirani chalets during the same period, Fneini said.

He indicated that the ministry will implement a new system for electricity meter readings. He explained that electricity meters at residential flats and buildings will be linked with the ministry

Disabled provided adequate attention

THE head of the evolutionary medicine and neurology unit at Sabah Hospital Dr Mosa Al Hammouri has stressed the existing co-operation between all agencies involved in providing care and attention to the disabled in the country.

Speaking to a local newspaper, he said that such co-operation had substantially increased and that all institutes taking care of the disabled and handicapped are exchanging assistance and expertise in the field to ensure optimum service level to the handicapped.

The officially-formed committee to determine the number of cases in the country with brain analysis has been able to do so with success through the use of computers the official said.

He added that presently, the unit is providing services to 11,844 patients and that 720 more cases have been registered as of last year.

He said that the brain injury clinic had received 740 new cases.

The majority of patients at the unit suffer from delayed speech and movement of the limbs, the official said and stressed the importance of the social services offered at the unit, being the primary treatment stage.

The unit employs sophisticated equipment in the evaluation and estimation of patient's IQ and mental function level, and that practical tests are arranged to confirm the results of research done in this area, Hammouri said.

New huge touristic sites plan

AN AMOUNT of KD3.5 million has been allocated for environment protection research studies during the current fiscal year, according to an announcement by the Director of the Environment Protection Department and Secretary of the Environment Protection Council, Ibrahim Hadi.

Hadi said that KD700,000 has been contributed by the Ministry of Finance and the balance by the Ministry of Public Health. But, Hadi expressed his dissatisfaction saying that the amount is very small compared to the level of activities carried out by the environment protection authorities and the large number of laboratories they have. He stressed that the funds allocated to the environment research studies are not up to the desired level. If we compare what Kuwait spends on this vital field with what is spent in the neighbouring Gulf states, we will conclude that Kuwait's outlay is inadequate the official said.

He demanded more support to the environment protection department and other environmental authorities, because of the vital role they play in environmental protection. He added that the department however, is trying with available funds to carry out the majority of the projects. He announced that the committee assigned to study pollution resulting from vehicles exhausts has completed the study and its report will be reviewed by the Environment Protection Council in its next meeting.

He said that the study has made three important proposals.

It called for the use of unleaded fuel only, adopting special standards and specifications for car exhausts and adopting a new system for technical check up of cars and thirdly working out a special system for traffic lights in order to avoid as much as possible traffic jams to reduce gas emissions.

The study found that the concentration of some gas polluters have increased particularly in the mornings and evenings, which makes paying greater attention to reducing polluters an important issue in the near future. Hadi warned that if quick controls are not adopted, pollution in the air will increase bringing in its wakes inherent health and environmental hazards.

Summer hurts business

Shopowners waiting for September

By Ali Al-Masoudi

DURING summer, only few shoppers can be seen at markets. Many people leave Kuwait to enjoy the moderate climate of Europe and other countries. Those who stay in Kuwait during this period rush to beaches for relaxation and a breath of fresh cool air. It is common to see sellers sit from morning to night hopelessly waiting for customers. Shops and local markets have witnessed serious stagnation this year specially in summer. Entrepreneurs hoped that the coming months and opening of schools will refresh the market.

Experience

An owner of a boutique Has-San Jad who is specialised in selling clothes said that several vacations this year caused stagnation in the market. He added that shops used to achieve good turnover in the 1st Eid and in the second Eid and during travelling season. But, this year the three occasions came in summer. Markets began suffering from stagnation after the end of these seasons and from the beginning of August. He expected that the situation will continue till the end of next month. Jad added that he had not sold any clothes for a week although his boutique is located in a good active area. He referred the stagnation to an exodus of people for travel and is looking forward to their return to Kuwait.

Another seller Abdul Latif Hamdan claimed that shops began suffering from stagnation because about half the population



Shops full of goods, but buyers stay away.

for students. He added that trading in Kuwait is good in general and considered a profitable profession. But sales depend on location of the shop, quality of goods and services provided to customers, he added.

No buyers

Mohammed Fawzi who has a boutique selling women clothes said that situation of the market is very bad and sales poor. Sometimes, he said, he sells three pieces a day, and on other occasions he does not sell anything for several days. For him selling two or three dresses a day is considered fantastic, he said and added that many people enter his shop only to browse through the goods. Many, however, buy from foreign countries. He added that every season has its own goods. For instance there are summer and winter clothes. People do not travel altogether in summer. But added that markets will be full of shoppers from the beginning of September to shop

for sales in Kuwait. But Mustafa Bandar had a different view when he said that selling activities have no relation with travel seasons. He added that every season has its own goods. For instance there are summer and winter clothes. Sellers are waiting for October which is the month of prosperity for markets because it comes at the beginning of the school year and winter as well, Fawzi said.



3 arrested with whiskey and arms

Ahmadi securitymen arrested three persons for allegedly trading in whiskey and possessing arms and ammunition. They have been identified as Suad A, a Kuwaiti national, Asad A, and Ahmad A, both Iraqis. On searching the house of the first accused, securitymen found 5 cases of whiskey, a sub-machine gun and a magazine containing 35 bullets. All the accused and the contraband have been referred to concerned authorities.

Landscaping tenders invited

Work on five public gardens begins

THE director of public gardens and afforestation department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth Abdul Mohsen al Gallaf has said that his department recently began work to establish some new public gardens in different areas. The official hoped that municipality and co-operative societies will co-operate with authority to solve problems that face the construction and maintenance of agriculture projects. Gallaf said that relevant authorities agreed to transfer all projects of landscaping specially at the motorway new gardens

and landscaping at Bayan Palace and west Fintas Centre to the authority.

A number of agricultural projects and landscaping projects which are being studied by authorities will also be transferred to the authority such as the national parks and projects to develop the present public gardens including studies on a project to use sewage treated water in irrigating landscaping projects at roads and afforestation projects, he added.

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Thought for today

Soldiers usually win the battles, and generals get the credit for them — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

Chinese students determined to win

A SMALL number of Chinese students determined to overthrow their government by non-violent means have set up an underground movement in Japan despite fears that agents from Beijing are spying on them.

The Tokyo-based movement is the first attempt by Chinese students in Japan to form a durable resistance to the leaders who ordered a bloody crackdown against pro-democracy protesters in Beijing in June.

"This resistance is fired by hatred," said Yang Zhongmei, a post-graduate student at Rikyu University in Tokyo and part-time teacher of Chinese history.

"We are now embarking on a long road to overthrow China's fascist leaders," he said. "By spreading facts about the butchery in Beijing to people both inside China and studying abroad."

Yang said his group would never resort to violence.

So far the movement has restricted itself to closed meetings by 10 active members and the publication of a magazine in mid-July.

The first edition of "Democratic China," which has sold 3,000 of 5,000 copies printed, is 72 pages of emotional appeals and photographs of Beijing citizens fleeing before bullets or dead under blood-soaked sheets.

China's leaders, headed by Deng Xiaoping, sent troops and tanks into central Beijing on June 3 to crush mass demonstrations for democracy. China says dozens of troops and more than 200 civilians died but foreign diplomats believe many hundreds, perhaps several thousand, were killed.

Since then, most student leaders have fled into hiding but some who managed to sneak out of China have helped establish anti-Beijing movements abroad.

Five hundred Chinese students and scholars met in Chicago in late July to form the Front of Democratic China and announced plans for a radio station and underground newspaper to campaign for democracy.

Yang's movement, calling itself the Chinese Students Association for the Furthering of Democracy, aims to become the front's branch in Japan with a responsibility to mobilise the 30,000 Chinese students in the country.

Japan hosts the second largest number of overseas Chinese students after the United States, which has 40,000.

The biggest of three demonstrations in Tokyo in June brought 10,000 Chinese students onto the streets shouting support for their counterparts in Beijing.

Since then, however, activity has gone underground.

Yang, a short, chubby native of Shanghai who has lived in Tokyo for nearly 10 years, sat in a small apartment strewn with rough drafts for his magazine's next edition.

"We need people to collect secret information about the crimes and corruption of the leaders and then we can print pamphlets for distribution within China," he said.

So far few volunteers have come forward.

"People are scared," he said. "Japan is not like the United States or France. It offers no protection to Chinese students here. All it cares about is its investment and trade with China."

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official denied that.

"I did not think we would send a Chinese student back if he did not want to go," he said.

Several students who took part in the recent Tokyo demonstrations told of video cameramen they believed to be Chinese agents.

Many said they feared being branded counter-revolutionary and spoke of possible reprisals on their families back home if they were seen publicly opposing China's hardline government.

PRESS REVIEW

A KUWAJTI paper regretted the American stance toward human rights which it said it politicized when it comes to the Palestinians' rights.

Daily Al Rai Al Aam said that Washington's backing to Israel against the Arabs, to Afghan mujahideen against Soviet-backed Kabul and to Turkey against Bulgaria over the Turkish minority issue.

The daily charged that the US can never sympathize with the Muslim issues regardless of its pretension to the contrary in the Afghan and Turkish questions. (KUNA). *

AN Egyptian daily asked the American administration to refute doubts on its seriousness in maintaining the dialogue with the PLO and in realising a just and real peace to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Al Akbar said that the US should review its policy toward that dialogue through increasing the meetings whether in Tunis or other world capitals and elevating representation.

In the case of which, Washington would rebuff accusations that it conducted the dialogue only to absorb international pressures calling for such a step, the paper added.

The daily noted that despite the elapse of nine months, only three official sessions were held and the US representation was limited to its ambassador in Tunisia.

Such issues point to a hidden American motive behind the dialogue, the paper charged without elaboration and said that at the time the dialogue was progressing at a very slow pace the situation was getting more complicated daily in the occupied lands since the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada. (KUNA).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1551 — Turkish forces capture Tripoli.

1598 — Earl of Tyrone, Irish rebel, annihilates English force at Yellow Ford on Blackwater river.

1733 — Outbreak of War of Polish Succession.

1784 — First Russian colony in Alaska is founded on Kodiak Island.

1811 — Paraguay declares itself independent of Spain. British occupy Java.

1894 — Belgium's King Leopold II abandons claims to Upper Nile territory after protest by France.

1900 — Boxer rebellion in China ends.

1945 — Japan surrenders to United States, ending World War II; Soviet Union signs treaty with nationalist China, recognizing independence of outer Mongolia. French general Henri Philippe Petain is sentenced to death (later commuted to life imprisonment) for collaborating with Nazis.

1958 — NATO countries announce relaxation of trade restrictions with Soviet bloc and China, but United States maintains embargo on US trade with China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

1962 — Two Soviet spacecraft circle earth in adjacent orbits and are in visual and radio contact.

1968 — Reports from Bombay say floods in India have claimed more than 1,000 lives in seven days.

1973 — US bombing in Cambodia comes to halt, marking official end to 12 years of combat activity in Indo-China.

1974 — Greece withdraws troops from North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) after breakdown of Geneva peace talks and new fighting on Cyprus.

1975 — Bangladeshi President Mujibur Rahman is killed in military coup which overthrows country's three-year-old government.

1986 — Car bomb kills 19 people and wounds 90 when it explodes near hospital in residential area of Christian east Beirut.

1987 — Ayatollah Khomeini threatens the United States with punishment, blaming it for the deaths of hundreds of pilgrims in Makkah.

1988 — Israeli soldiers shoot and wound 12 Palestinians, including five teenagers, as violence flares in occupied Gaza Strip.



Demonstrators in Tbilisi, Soviet Georgia, gather outside a building accompanied by police.

Independence movement stirs conflict

Georgians up in arms

RUINED mediaeval fortresses stand silhouetted against the sky on scorched Soviet Georgian mountains, each topped by a flag of the Georgian independence.

The flags fly on police outposts, and are sold at Tbilisi news-stands in the form of lapel pins or mounted on dashboard suction cups. One hangs over a highway from a peasant's plot.

This land of glaciated crags, fruit-filled valleys and Black Sea beaches has no shortage of resentment against "invaders" from Russia who took over their infant republic in 1921.

Since troops armed with sharp shovels and toxic gas clashed with pro-independence protesters in this capital April 9, killing 19 of them, public sympathy has grown for those Georgians who want to secede from the Soviet Union.

But the Soviet Socialist Republic of Georgia — a kingdom on its own in the Middle Ages — also is rent by internal ethnic violence, much of it pitting Christian Georgians against Muslim minorities.

"This is the last thing Georgia needs right now," says Gizo Grzledze, an official in the Georgian Foreign Ministry. "It will bring the troops back."

The ethnic violence is spawned in part by reaction to the Georgians' rising nationalism.

Hated and resentments dating back to the mediaeval times have reappeared among the dozen nationalities in the republic, which is about the size of Ireland.

Conflicts pitting Georgians against Muslim Abkhazians and Azerbaijanians have cost 26 lives and injured more than 450 in several areas of Georgia since the summer began. Georgians in the Meskhetian area guard their homes against ethnic Turks.

At the same time, independence activists persuaded tens of thousands of workers to walk off their jobs in a general strike, crippling transport and even a military jet factory.

Thousands more have gathered daily — and illegally — in downtown Tbilisi.

Even officials in the government ministry across the street from the gathering were hanging out their windows one recent day to listen to activist Zviad Gamsakhurdia, who said that in 1976 he could count just 20 or 30 people willing to join his call for independence.

Smashed

In a Tbilisi suburb, vandals smashed the face and tore the head off a statue of Vladimir I. Lenin, the revered founder of the Soviet Union. A statue of the dictator Josef V. Stalin, a Georgian, stands unscathed.

The combustible mixture of nationalist unrest and ethnic violence is risky not only for Georgia but also the rest of the country, said Shalva Shandor, Communist Party leader of the Akhaltsikhe region in the Meskhetian area.

By strengthening the hardliners, he maintained, the activists are endangering all of the Soviet Union and its moves toward democracy and economic autonomy. More than 100 ethnic groups live in the 15 Soviet republics.

"A lot of people have no other homeland. Where would we go?" said Genadzy Korol, of the 56-member co-ordinating committee of Internovement, formed last summer by Russian residents of Estonia.

"We just want to defend ourselves. We want our children to grow up here," said Korol, assigned by Internovement as liaison with the strikers.

Every day, the drama is acted out at the petition table in old town.

A muscular man strides up to the table and writes on a petition in Russian: "throw the Estonians out of the USSR so they won't disgrace us." He marches off, without signing his name.

The situation is similar in the two neighbouring Baltic republics, Latvia and Lithuania, where Russian-speaking movements have organized to counter the march to autonomy.

The conflict stems from the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact of 1939, which gave Germany most of Poland and gave Moscow eastern Poland and the Baltic republics. Recent Baltic newspaper accounts have reported that hundreds of thousands of

Commanders of the 4,500 Soviet troops sent to quell the rioting said there were attempts to provoke the troops into firing on the population in what would have been a horrifying repeat of April 9 in Tbilisi.

A letter from the Georgian National Front to the United Nations charged that the violence in Abkhazia was organised by Moscow. It asked for UN troops, claiming that Soviet soldiers were protecting only Abkhazians, not Georgians.

Abkhazians number 80,000, just 17 percent of the Abkhazian autonomous republic's population and 1.5 per cent of Georgia's 5.3 million people, but they dominate the power structure and managerial jobs in their region, Tukhashvili said.

The Abkhazians contend, however, they are struggling for equal rights and feel they will achieve

them only by seceding from Georgia and becoming a 16th republic of the Soviet Union, according to Abkhazian legislator Vladislav Ardzinba.

Minorities in Georgia are reacting to growing Georgian nationalism, inextricably woven into the independence movement, Ardzinba said.

But Georgians tell outsiders that this is Georgian land. Abkhazians, Azerbaijanians and Meskhetian Turks make equally detailed claims to the contrary.

Georgia was a kingdom from the 4th century B.C. to the 14th century A.D. In 1555, Western Georgia fell to Turkey and eastern Georgia to Persia, now Iran. It became part of the Russian empire in 1783 and had a period of independence in 1918-21, after the Bolsheviks seized power in Moscow.

Because Georgians resisted the new Soviet power, a quarter of their land was turned over to other ethnic groups.

Georgia voluntarily joined the Russian empire in the 18th century because it was the only Christian alternative to domination by Turks and Persians. (Tbilisi — AP)

Non-Estonians protest

Autonomy could mean trouble

EVERY day at noon, Estonian activists gather in Tallinn's old town to collect signatures for a referendum they want to hold on the secession of their Baltic republic from the Soviet Union, a right guaranteed by the Soviet constitution.

Five years ago, before the reforms of President Mikhail Gorbachev, such a petition would have been a sure ticket to prison. Even a year ago, it seemed laughable.

But for nearly 500,000 non-Estonians in the Baltic republic, it could mean trouble, and some are raising their voices in protest.

In late July, several thousand non-Estonians struck major factories in Tallinn, returning to work only when the republic's government set up a commission to assuage fears that they might someday be exiled from Estonia.

Since the annexation, hundreds of thousands of non-Estonians have settled in the republic, working mostly in heavy industries that Estonians complain pollute their environment without giving them material benefit.

Of the 1.6 million people in Estonia, 65 percent are Estonian by nationality. Most of the rest are "Russian-speakers" from Slavic republics — 28 per cent Russian, 3 per cent Ukrainian and 2 per cent Byelorussian.

The Baltic republics won a major victory July 27 when the national legislature voted overwhelmingly for a law that would grant them economic autonomy from Moscow starting Jan. 1.

Details remain to be worked out and the law must be voted on twice more, but Mikhail Bronstein, author of the idea, said in an interview it will allow Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to print their own currencies and take control of industry and agriculture from Moscow-based ministries.

But the Estonian people are realists and will seek full independence, said Bronstein, 66, a member of the Communist Party and head of the political-economic faculty at Estonia's Tartu University.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Blue chip stocks set stage for assault on '87 record

NEW YORK, Aug 13. (Reuters): Wall Street stopped short of setting a fresh closing record last week, but the advance of the blue chips index to the 2,700 level has set the stage for a run to new highs.

The Dow Jones industrial average, spurred by a favourable economic growth outlook, briefly hovered on Friday more than 10 points above its two-year-old closing record of 2,722.42 points.

But a drop in treasury bond prices and a late-afternoon rush of programme-directed selling knocked the Dow some 50 points from its mid-session highs.

"They dangled the candy and took it away," said Dennis Jarrett, technical market analyst at Kidder Peabody and Co.

The Dow, a weighted index of 30

major industrial and service companies, then closed at 2,683.99 points, down 28.64 points from the day's high.

For the week as a whole, however, it was up 30.54 points.

The Dow's tantalising reach for new highs and its inability to retain them at the close prompted a few second thoughts.

Noting the prominent role takeover issues, both real and rumoured, have played in the market's recent performance, Trude Latimer, vice-president at Josephthal and Co., said investor Marvin Davis' \$5.4-billion bid for UAL Corp had "greatly contributed to the atmosphere that has kept interest in the market going."

The spectacular \$92 gain in shares of UAL, the parent company of United

Airlines, spurred the Dow-Jones transportation stocks average to four straight closing records this week.

This average ended at 1,413.23 points on Friday, down 6.40 points on the day, but up an astonishing 163.23 for the week.

Some investors will interpret a new closing high for the Dow as confirming a bull market trend, Bostian Research Associates president David Bostian said.

These followers of the so-called Dow theory believe a major trend in the stock market must be confirmed by similar movements in the Dow Jones Industrial and transport averages.

Despite the attention that market-watchers pay to the popular Dow index, Bostian noted that the Standard Poor's

500-stock index, "a more valid market benchmark," and indices of secondary and tertiary stocks had already reached new highs.

On the American Stock Exchange, the key Amex index slipped 1.60 points on Friday, but was up 4.54 for the week at 380.64.

The Nasdaq composite index also ended 1.07 to 462.48 on Friday, retaining a 5.06-point gain for the week.

The nagging question now is whether the stock market's rise has put it in a stratosphere unlinked to economic reality.

Bostian Research Associates' macroeconomic index this month had signalled a recession for the first time since August 1987, Bostian said. "One could conjecture that a recession could be fairly serious," said Bostian.

"The economy is very large and I'm not completely assured that (Federal Reserve chairman Alan) Greenspan can engineer a soft landing." He said his firm had sent a bulletin to clients on Friday advising them that, to the extent that they are averse to risk, they should limit their stock holdings.

"The bottom line is that the market can go higher but that we're in a very high-risk environment, and risk-averse customers should be cautious," Bostian said.

One trader had mixed sentiments. Concerned that the market is flying too high, he nonetheless saw a potential market sell-off as an opportunity to reload.

China's private sector flayed

'To get rich is glorious'

BEIJING, Aug 13. (Reuters): No longer protected by their guardian Zhao Ziyang, China's private entrepreneurs and liberal economic thinkers are being purged, arrested and attacked in the media by communist hardliners.

While Chinese economists do not believe the new party leadership wants to wipe out a whole generation of entrepreneurs, they see many being driven out of business.

Free enterprise over the past 10 years has meant jobs for 20 million Chinese, running small factories, shops, hairdressing salons, restaurants and a host of other services.

But new party leader Jiang Zemin wrote in the June issue of Seeking Truth, the party theoretical journal, that private businessmen had become too wealthy and the widening income gap had helped foment social unrest.

"To get rich is glorious" — senior leader Deng Xiaoping's memorable slogan — is no longer heard in the official media.

Even melon vendors must attend weekly political study sessions. Owners of private Beijing bars must close for several days this month to study regulations on private enterprise.

Wan Runnan was dismissed as president of China's largest privately held computer firm after he was accused of plotting with student leaders against the government and Deng.

In a key speech denouncing the democracy movement, Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong charged in June that Wan's Beijing Stone Group Company, founded five years ago, contributed materials worth thousands of yuan to "instigators of the riots."

An official at Stone, who asked not to be identified for fear of government reprisal, said the government was investigating the company and had sent a team into its headquarters.

Wan escaped from China after the Army seized Tiananmen Square on June 4. He emerged in France last month as one of the leaders of a democracy movement in exile. A Stone director, Cao Siyuan, is believed to be under arrest, associates said.

But reformist Zhao was ousted as party leader in June after less than two years in office. Diplomats said the party's new drive for absolute political control seems to have eroded or even reversed China's economic reform programme.

Beijing's mayor has charged that economists from the research institute for restructuring the economy conspired to leak state secrets and instigate opposition to the government.

The Zhao-supported think tank is under military control and its director under arrest, according to a report in Wen Wei Po, a Hong Kong-based newspaper with close links to Beijing.

Figures released this month showed the number of private businesses had fallen to 12,34 million from 14,53 million a year ago. The total private workforce dropped by 2.19 million to 19.43 million.

One bar owner said he hoped to sell out to Japanese investors because he could not make ends meet after martial law, imposed on May 20, drove many foreigners from China.

Officials announced this month that the government would inspect all private businesses to root out tax evaders as 70 to 80 per cent of tax revenues would not be collected last year.

The income gap between state and private workers "is a serious political problem which will endanger social stability if not controlled," China Daily quoted a tax official as saying.

Entrepreneurs have also been accused of exploiting cheap labour and cheating customers to make "big money."

But the owner of a small private clothing shop complained that with a 70 per cent drop in sales because of martial law, high taxes and fees extorted by government officials, he is likely to be forced out of business.

Greek economy suffers from deficits, inflation

ATHENS, Aug 13. (Reuters): The Greek economy resembles Mark Twain's lament about the weather: everyone complains about it but no one ever does anything.

And like the American humorist, Greece's new National Economy Minister George Souflas is helpless — unable to do anything except add his voice to the chorus of complaints.

Souflas ostensibly took charge of an economy staggering under heavy debt and double-digit inflation when conservatives and communists teamed up in July to form a government.

The coalition partners, who hold fiercely opposing views on issues such as the Greek budget and incomes policy, agreed no other business would be undertaken by their temporary set-up.

Souflas and other ministers, therefore, are marking time and must await the outcome of elections due in October to see whether they have a mandate to do something about the economy.

In the meantime Souflas and Finance Minister Antonis Samaras, both from the conservative New Democracy Party, have been taking inventory after eight years of socialist rule.

Endemic budget overruns and bloated state borrowing were features of the economy under former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, forced from office by an election defeat in June.

"The problem with the economy is that we have excessive public spending," Souflas told Reuters in a recent interview.

"The result is we have very high public deficits. This is the number one problem," he added. "This gives rise to strong inflationary pressure and this is what we're trying to handle."

Souflas was echoing the views of several former socialist ministers. Bank of Greece governor Dimitris Halikias and recent reports by respected international economic organisations.

He forecast public borrowing this year would reach 20 to 21 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), well above previous estimates of 16 per cent. He attributed this partly to heavy socialist spending before the election to secure votes.

Inflation will rise above 1988's average of 14 per cent, he said. Private economists predict inflation of 14 to 18 per cent this year.

But perhaps the most dramatic figure is one provided by Samaras, who predicts total public debt will reach 100 per cent of GDP — the value of all goods and services produced by the domestic economy — by the end of the year.

Overall business optimism is bleak

British export hopes run high

LONDON, Aug 13. (Reuters): Scotch whisky to the Japanese. Wedgwood China to the Americans, fine crystal and Jaguar cars — luxury goods provide a refined image for Britain's exports.

But economists say Britain could be poised to increase exports of more everyday items and help trim a huge current account deficit which has developed over the past two years.

"For mass-produced and inexpensive manufactured goods the UK does seem to have a competitive advantage right now and should be able to make inroads," said Mark Franklin, economist with investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston.

Anticipated strong economic growth in Western Europe next year and more competitive sterling exchange rates should enable British producers to export more, the economists say.

But expectations that the British will not relinquish their enthusiasm for imported goods could make chances of any dramatic improvement in the current account deficit remote, they add.

Last year's boom in domestic demand sucked in imports, inflating Britain's current account deficit last year to a record £14.9 billion (almost £1 billion at current exchange rates).

The trade gap was aggravated by a strong pound which made British goods relatively more expensive overseas. Sterling nudged \$1.90 just before Christmas last year but receded to just above \$1.50 in June and has settled in recent weeks to a range of 1.60 to 1.70.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson responded by nearly doubling bank base interest rates since mid-1988 to 14 per cent, hoping to cool domestic demand and fight rising inflation.

Independent economists expect another record current account gap this year, anywhere



Nigel Lawson

from £16 to 20 billion (\$25.5 to 32 billion).

Though British import growth is only now reaching a plateau, they say non-oil export prospects

— Britain is Western Europe's biggest oil producer — are brightening.

In June, total imports at £9.7 billion (£15.5 billion) and exports at £7.5 billion (£12.5 billion) were both records. The British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) said non-oil exports climbed 16 per cent in value in the first five months of this year over the same period a year ago.

That trend is expected to continue, the BOTB said.

Half of all British exports go to Europe each year, and 13 per cent is shipped to the United States, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Though Britain often is identified abroad with luxury exports, the goods in which it specializes are often humdrum, covering a broad variety with a heavy emphasis on capital goods.

Mechanical and electrical engineering items made up about

38 per cent of Britain's total manufactured exports in 1988, while finished consumer products comprised 15 per cent, the DTI said.

Road vehicles, scientific instruments and photo equipment, and organic chemicals are also important exports.

Ian Harwood, chief economist at London brokers S.G. Warburg Securities, said forecasts for four per cent West Germany growth this year and next and for strong growth in other European economies is good news for Britain's export prospects.

Underlying UK export growth has been pretty buoyant in the past three months and we expect that to continue," he said.

Warburgs is forecasting a 6.9 per cent annual rise in British exports and a three per cent rise in imports in 1990, after jumps of 4.4 per cent and 7.4 per cent respectively this year.

A July survey by the Confederation of British Industry found company optimism about export prospects for the coming year has risen, at a time when overall business optimism is bleak.

Investors from East, West eye Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Aug 13. (Reuters): Socialist Ethiopia is banking on peace and perestroika to breathe life into its war-torn and once rigidly Marxist economy.

Government forces and northern rebels have been at war for 28 years. But Ethiopia says it has been flooded with enquiries since outlining plans last November to open the economy to foreign and local investors.

"Literally every embassy and trade representative in Ethiopia has been knocking at the door," the Minister for Foreign Economic Relations, Aklilu Awerkow, said recently.

"The response has been very, very positive and widespread, from East, West, North and South."

Ethiopia has moved slowly to overhaul its economy while insisting that it is not backing down from socialism. Some Western governments would like to see the reforms speed up.

Aklilu was speaking to reporters after unveiling details of the reforms, designed to promote joint ventures with foreign investors.

"The timing could hardly have been better," said one Western diplomat, referring to an initiative to arrange peace talks between the government and rebels, possibly with former American President Jimmy Carter as an observer.

Aklilu pointed to significant natural resources waiting to be tapped in Africa's 10th largest country.

Less than one-fifth of the 84 million hectares of cultivable land was planted to crops — yet more than 85 per cent of Ethiopia's 47 million people rely on farming for their livelihood.

Aklilu spoke of enormous hydro-electric and geothermal power possibilities. Hydro-electric potential alone was estimated at 60 billion kilowatt hours annually, but 97 per cent of that was untapped.

Ethiopia's strategic Red Sea coast offers more than 90,000 square kilometres of potential fishing ground, but only two per cent of this was exploited.

After only preliminary exploration, the country had also established oil, natural gas, gold, platinum, copper, potash, zinc, nickel, iron ore and coal reserves and deposits.

People what they already own.

Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva, an economist and staunch free marketeer, wants to pull the European Economic Community's poorest state out of economic stagnation wrought by a lumbering state sector and bad management.

He and other officials argue that privatisations can prune the big budget deficit and make industry more competitive — and that they are not responsible for mistakes of past governments.

"Portugal is not capable of paying compensation at today's prices," Finance Minister Miguel Cadilhe said recently.

Many who lose their savings say compensation pledged in 1977 is equal to less than half the value of shares in 1974 and one-tenth of their worth today.

Inflation, which hit 30 per cent in 1982

and is now 13 per cent, has further eroded the value of indemnification bonds.

A ceiling was set for 200 billion escudos (\$1.26 billion) with 12 classes of bonds to be paid up to 28 years with interest rates ranging from 2.5 per cent for big shareholders and 13 per cent for small ones.

The dispossessed point to France, where shareholders in nationalised companies were paid above stock market prices, and are demanding preferential shares in firms being floated.

The government does not rule this out but has said it could pose technical complications.

Meanwhile, the complaints on De Lacerda's desk pile up and the newly formed Movement for the Defence of Shareholders' Rights (MDDA) threatens to take its case to the European

court in Strasbourg if all else fails.

"That state could pay an unfair price for expropriated companies and sell them for 20 times that is criminal and should be seen as illegal," said Joao Rocha, an ex-shareholder in top commercial bank Banco Português de Átlântico earmarked for partial self-loft.

Market sources say big groups — including the Espírito Santo and De Mello families that dominated the pre-revolutionary investment scene — are plotting to buy into future floatations.

But financial analysts said the compensation debate may have deepened the reluctance of small investors to return to Portugal's two tiny stock exchanges which they fled after the 1987 world crash.

"It makes the government lose its credibility," said De Lacerda.



Carlos Menem

Export duties cut

Farmers urged to help economy

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 13. (Reuters): Argentine President Carlos Menem yesterday urged the country's farmers to help his new government revive the hyperinflation-stricken economy.

BUSINESS

Dollar resumes upward trend

NEW YORK. Aug 13. (Reuters) The dollar has staged its biggest rally in two months and currency dealers are expecting it to rise as the market celebrates what seems to be a "soft landing" in the US economy.

The dollar closed at 1.9390 West German marks on Friday, up from 1.9065 on Thursday. Against the Japanese yen it climbed to 141.85 from 139.85.

Its rally was triggered by news that the producer price index — a measure of inflation at the wholesale level — fell in July for the second month in a row, while consumer spending rebounded, as shown by a 0.9 per cent in July retail sales.

The figures lent weight to a growing conviction in the currency market that the US economy is in for a "soft landing" — where growth will be slow enough to eliminate inflation but not so slow as to result in the economy contracting.

The dollar closed near its highs on Friday after shrugging off intervention from the Federal Reserve and at least nine other central banks in Europe and Canada. Dealers said the banks sold millions of dollars in the open market to moderate the currency's advance.

Rally

The rally showed that the dollar's recent drop to 1.8450 marks from a mid-June high of 2.0470 marks was "an aberration, a temporary fall," according to Graham Broyd of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

Dealers citing many reasons to buy the dollar, widely expect it to rise as high as 1.96 marks next week.

Chartists grew bullish once the currency broke above 1.9250 marks and 140 yen on Friday. The breached resistance levels will now form solid support. technicians said.

Friday's economic reports, suggesting moderating inflation and continued growth, also rekindled enthusiasm for the dollar.

While a 0.4 per cent drop in the July producer price index suggests the Federal Reserve will not have to raise interest rates for some time, the rise in retail sales figures precludes any easing in the near future, economists say.

That is good news for the dollar, which draws support from firm US interest rates that have favoured dollar-bearing assets.

Even the drop in wholesale inflation did not disconcert the market on Friday, as traders said the figures meant real domestic interest rates were comparatively firm and attractive to overseas investors.

"If US interest rates are steady and inflation is moderating, real rates of return are a gem for investors," said a dealer at a big New York bank.

Ironically, the dollar rose earlier on Friday in overseas markets on the expectation that the producer price data would show a rise in inflation which would spur the Federal Reserve to tighten credit.

But traders are gradually shifting their views on the relationship between inflation and the dollar.

"It used to be that the dollar rallied on higher inflation. But that was wrong," said a US bank trader.

Looking ahead, Thomas Palladino, a trader at Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank NV's New York office, said the dollar was likely to hit 1.95 marks on Monday after hitting a mid-season high of 1.9453 in New York on Friday.

Interest Rates

KUWAIT. Aug 13. (KUNA) Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-1/16	8-1/2
3 months	8-5-18	8-11-16
6 months	8-3/8	8-11/16
1 year	8-3/8	8-3/4

Torras profit up

MADRID. Aug 13. (KUNA) The Kuwait-Spanish Group Torras today declared a \$74 million profit for the first half of this year.

A group release published here indicated that the profit is 80 per cent more compared to the same period last year and pointed out that the group traded in \$1,926 million transactions.

The group of three companies, which scored \$1,900 million revenues in the same period, ranks fourth in the list of the biggest 500 companies in Spain.

Fledgling commodity price swap market set to grow

LONDON. Aug 13. (Reuters)

Banks and investment firms are pinning high hopes on a fledgling world market in commodity price swaps which seeks to reduce financial risks to producers and consumers caused by sharp swings in raw material prices.

Such swings have prompted many countries to reform from heavily indebted Third World countries which rely on commodity exports for most of their vital foreign exchange earnings.

Airlines and shipping firms use oil swaps to smooth cash flows and reduce exposure to price volatility, bankers said. Airlines employ them to avoid passing on unpopular fuel surcharges to customers.

Bankers believe the volume of commodity swap deals world-wide could reach \$1 billion over the next 12 months.

They predict strong growth in the

United States, spurred in July by a Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) ruling that there was no need to regulate them.

Producers and consumers make swap agreements with banks to fix the price of raw materials, usually for one to five years, longer than would be possible in a normal futures market.

Banks can act as principals, matching producers and users based on their needs and expectations for future prices, or they can take on the risk of one of those parties by balancing it against their own portfolio.

The concept of swaps originated in the interest rate and currency markets where volume has reached trillions of dollars.

It spread to the oil market in 1986 and bankers estimate several hundred million

dollars of oil deals have been done since, with Philipp Brothers and Chase Manhattan Bank among the major players.

Bankers expect oil price swaps to grow, and are enthusiastic about the potential for business in base metals, grains and soft commodities such as coffee and cocoa.

Banque Paribas of France broke new ground last month by signing the world's first base metal swap. It involved a Mexican copper producer, Mexicana de Cobre SA, and a group of consumers. Both were guaranteed a fixed price over three years.

On the strength of the swap, Paribas lent the copper miner \$210 million.

Banks with big debts outstanding to Third World countries could ensure they earn a steady income from their commodity exports by fixing prices through swaps. "It's a way of securing a loan," said

one London banker.

John Grobstein at Paribas said his bank was working on swaps in coffee and cocoa, but added: "The difficulties of doing deals in metals is considerably higher than in oil, and even greater for soft commodities."

A London banker said there are only a few commodities which lend themselves easily to swaps — oil, gold, silver, copper and aluminium. The commodity must have a transparent benchmark price, such as a futures market provides, he said.

The highly liquid energy futures contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange smoothed the way for oil swaps.

Bankers said several hundred oil swaps have been done since 1986. Such deals by Chase Manhattan alone amounted to around 75 to 80 million barrels of oil, a source at the bank said.

Market averages flirting with new records

Inflation is easing

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communities," said a letter signed by 47 senators.

The hostile takeover bid has been mounted by Bermuda-based Hoylake Investments Ltd, headed by Goldsmith, an international financier, British financier Rothschild, Australian businessman Packer.

Hoylake has announced its intention to sell off all the company's holdings except Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp., maker of Kool, Lucky Strike and Benson and Hedges cigarettes.

In labour news, striking "Baby Bell" telephone workers affected calling nationwide during the week, in a job action by 150,000 workers against Bell Atlantic, NYNEX and Pacific Telesis regional phone companies.

KD deposit rates mixed

KUWAIT. Aug 13. (Reuters) Kuwait dinar deposit rates were mixed in quiet trade today.

The short dates firmed, but there was little trade. Overnight rose one point from Saturday to six four per cent. Tomorrow next firmed one point on the bid side to seven six. Spot-next climbed to 8-1/2 7-1/2 from seven five.

But the fixed dates were more active, and one month eased to 8-3/8 eight from 8-3/4 1/8. Three months to one year were steady at 8-3/4 3/8.

Dealers said the market was waiting the results of the 200 million dinar (\$680 million) issue of 91-day treasury bills scheduled for Wednesday. The bills will roll over 200 million dinars in previously issued bills.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate unchanged from Saturday at 0.29792/9802.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates were steady in a virtually dead market as business slowed to a standstill due to the European weekend and Shi'ite Muslim holiday in Bahrain.

Dealers indicated rates for short-dated funds at Saturday's levels of nine, 8-3/4 per cent for the spot-next and 8-3/4, 9/10 per cent for the one-week.

Fixed period rates were also steady after edging higher on Saturday on back of a rise in dollar interest rates.

The one-month was put at 8-3/4, 9/1 per cent, three and six-months at 8-5/8, 1/2 and the one-year at 8-9/16, 7/16.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHWAIKH PORT AS ON 13/08/1989

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
4	Marulic	Aigh Barwil	4842988
8	Shaam	ISA	2441860
12	Gao Cheng	M. Bahar	2433881
14	Sammi Aurora	Gh&Q	4347815
17	Tropical Sun	ISA	2441860
20	Baril Star	Aigh Barwil	2441860

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
13/8	Ratno	Aigh Rashed	2422026
13/8	Petro Polis	Aigh Barwil	4842988
14/8	Maersk Fiero	Bebehani	2412085
14/8	Taolin	M. Bahar	2433881

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
6	Lake Star	Aigh Barwil	4843988
11	Shezan	Aigh Barwil	4842988
12	Dona	RSMS	2423642
19	Dhonakulhi	RSMS	2423642

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
13/8	Liao Yang	M. Bahar	2433881
12/8	Philippine Sampaguita	Aigh Barwil	4842988
13/8	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
14/8	Rhein Express	MAB	2433881
14/8	City of Beirut	B.B.H.	2433537
15/8	Baffin Bay	RSMS	2423642
15/8	Rize K	RSMS	2423642

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Volkswagen closes plant

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Aug 13. (AP) Volkswagen closed its Uitenhage plant and withdrew from wage negotiations this morning, joining other automobile manufacturers at four automobile plants and two vehicle component factories which are crippling the industry.

A total of 13,500 members of

the mostly black National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa are not working due to strikes or lock-outs at four automobile plants and two vehicle component factories which produce about two-thirds of South Africa's motor vehicles.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL.	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	0.990	1.000	1.000	1.000	1330000	37
-GULF BANK	0.355	0.360	0.360	0.360	410000	11
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.270	0.270	0.265	950000	31
-AHLI BANK	0.295	0.300	0.300	0.300	40000	1
-B.K.M.E	0.330	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.R.E.B.	0.33					

SPECTRUM

Hidden depths of River Phoenix

Taking on heavyweights

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): River Phoenix proved himself an acting prodigy as a kid in "Stand By Me" and has since established himself among the best young professionals in the movies.

In the three years since he appeared in the Rob Reiner hit, Phoenix has worked with some of Hollywood's finest directorial and acting talents, which sets him apart from other young actors like heartthrobs Matt Dillon and Anthony Michael Hall.

Dillon and Hall shine only with other juveniles. Phoenix co-stars with the heavyweights.

His directors include Steven Spielberg (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade), Sidney Lumet (Running On Empty), Peter Weir (I

Love You to Death); and such actors as Sidney Poitier, Christine Lahti and Harrison Ford.

Now he's starring with Academy Award winners Kevin Kline and William Hurt in "Love You to Death." He himself was nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actor last year for his performance as the aspiring young concert pianist in "Running On Death."

Starring in motion pictures, face to face with professionals, is quite unlike any other teenage experience. He's not an apprentice, student or intern. Phoenix is a card-carrying pro.

Unlike most other 18-year-olds in the world, Phoenix is not preparing for a career—he has one. That doesn't mean, of course, that the quiet-spoken, bright young man isn't absorbing everything he sees and hears from his elders on movie sets.

"I've studied acting since I was 10 years and doing TV commercials," he said in his dazzling Day-Glo shorts and multi-hued shoes.

"I don't think there's any business aside from the arts where kids can start developing by working with top professionals. Luck and the right timing help. A year ago I wouldn't have been right for this part in "I Love You to Death."

I don't think acting classes or a university cinema school could give me the education for acting that I'm getting as a working actor. It's a hands-on experience, being there.

Work

"I love watching the other performers work, and I go to dailies to see the previous day's film. I watch the director and camera operator. But most of all I study acting techniques. When we rehearsed before producing began, we decided what the tone would be and then we shared the techniques."

"We have a different way of getting there, of course, but we wind up at the same place thanks to a common factor. The scenes naturally fall in place."

"I don't feel intimidated working with actors like Kline and Hurt. My insecurities involve technical things. Most of the time, though, the acting is effortless."

"The older actors don't excuse my mistakes because I'm a kid. And they don't patronise me because I'm young. I'm treated with the same affection and respect as everyone else in the cast."

Phoenix said being paid large amounts of money for his performances is the least rewarding element of being a teenage actor. The learning experience is priceless.

He refuses to examine the mechanics and inspiration that comprise the essentials of acting, relying on some inner creativity when the camera rolls.

"I try to understand the character thoroughly before the picture begins. Then I have to stop thinking about who he is and be him. The character just comes out from underneath. When that happens there's no question in my mind that it's all true."

"I have to live it out and never think about the camera or who River Phoenix is. I just disappear. There is no me when I'm performing."

"That's something I can't figure out or express very well. You become oblivious of the movie-making process and become alone with the character."

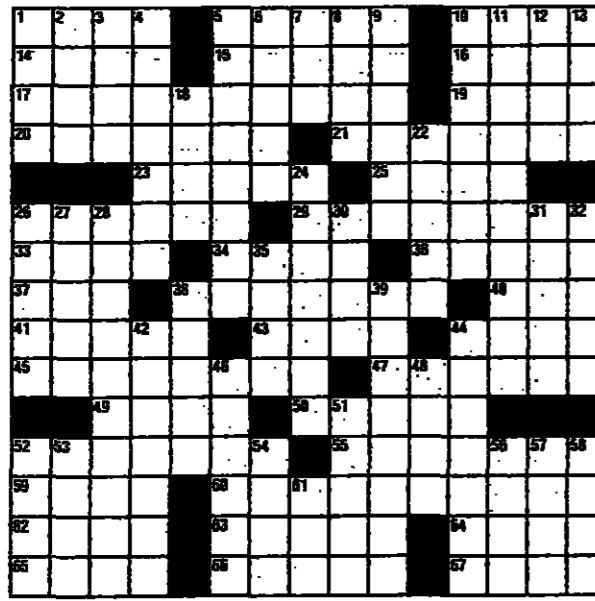
"It's not the fuel that you're using, it's the destination that counts, what you're trying to achieve. You set your sights and whatever is in you gets you there. If you get conscious of it, then time stops and you lose track of your destination."

"I'm not sure a young actor can learn that. When a scene works well, all the actors are going through that same experience."



River Phoenix rare combination of idealism and sensitivity.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Garden bulb
5 — out: helps
10 Absent
14 Writer Jaffe
15 Like some diamonds
16 A room in Ronda
17 Kept in step without advancing
19 Munich's river
20 Small spaces
21 Established
23 Little Eva's friend
25 Cap — (from head to foot)
26 Petroleum ingredient
29 Tropical evergreen shrub
33 "Exodus" author
34 Singer from Africa
36 Grade preceder
37 Cruise of the screen
38 Essay
40 Longshoremen's org.
41 Employers
43 Otherwise
44 Singing brothers
45 Lap dog
47 Harmful
49 In any degree
50 Romanian folk song
52 Make fun of
55 Apply a design to fabric
59 Egyptian
60 Movie starring Katharine Hepburn
62 Opposite of sweater

GRASS	BELAS
ORESTES	ORDINAL
RIVIERA	NAIVETE
AMI	PRUDENT
LAVA	MIG
SCALP	SORA
ELLIE	PANEL
INTENSIVE	ESTATEIS
DISTEND	LEECH
TABOO	TEI SHEAD
AMEN	TENET STLO
TAR	CERTAIN ATE
AGITATE	CLEANER
REFARMED	HEADERS
SNIIPS	DRESS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
TRUMP COUP TOMMY COMES THOUGH

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♦ J 6 3
▽ Q 8
◊ A 10 8 5
♠ A K 8 3

WEST ♠ A K 10 5 4 2 ♡ Q 7
▽ 7
◊ Q 9 4 2
♠ Q 2

EAST ♦ K 6 5 3
▽ J 6 3
◊ J 7 6 4

SOUTH
♦ 9 8
▽ A J 10 9 4 2
◊ K 7
♠ 10 9 5

The bidding:

West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT 2 ▽
2 ♠ 4 ▽ Pass Pass
Pass
Opening lead: King of ♠

As usual, things were not going well with Trump Coup Tommy. He held only his fair share of the cards and, since everything had been splitting fairly normally, he was down 33 points. As our readers know, it is only when trumps break badly that Tommy performs like a virtuoso. Finally, this hand came along.

South had less than the law allows for his vulnerable overcall at the two-level, but that was vintage Tommy in action. Since a doubleton honor was adequate support on the auction, North had no hesitation in jumping to game.

The defense was as good as it could be. West led the king of spades and East followed with the seven. Since that was the lowest outstanding spot-card, it had to be either a singleton or from the queen, so West continued with a low spade. East won and shifted to a club, taken by dummy's king.

Tommy ran the queen of hearts, and then the eight. When West sluffed a spade, Tommy brightened visibly. He cashed the king and ace of diamonds, and ruffed a diamond. A club to the ace served as the entry for another diamond lead. Since ruffing was fruitless, East discarded a club as declared ruffed.

With eight tricks in the bag and the A of hearts still in hand, Tommy simply exited with a club. East won, but he was then forced to lead a trump away from K 6 into declarer's tenace. So Tommy was home with six trump tricks and two in each minor suit.

DOWN
1 "La Douce"
2 Din
3 Concerning
4 Western Indians
5 European capital
6 Pays up
7 Here, in Paris
8 Sugar cube
9 Inscribed stone slabs
10 Inane
11 Dawdled aimlessly
12 Wings
13 School or Scotland
18 College in North Carolina
22 Isolated

Opening lead: King of ♠

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



Pound of flesh

Leigh Lawson as Antonio, Geraldine James as Portia, and Dustin Hoffman as Shylock in the Peter Hall production of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Phoenix Theatre, London. Hoffman's first appearance on the London stage has been widely acclaimed and the production has so far proved to be the success of 1989.



Tawana Brawley, a fascinating story

Book review

UNHOLY ALLIANCES: Working the Tawana Brawley story, by Mike Taibbi and Anna Sims-Phillips (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 375 pp., \$18.95)

For months last year newspapers printed vivid accounts of the story of Tawana Brawley, the 15-year-old Wappingers Falls, New York, black girl who said she was abducted and raped by several white men.

In "Unholy Alliance," TV reporter Mike Taibbi and producer Anna Sims-Phillips provide a behind-the-scenes account of how it unfolded and then unravelled, and describe the circus atmosphere of the media coverage.

The story concentrates on the Brawley "advisers" — the Rev. Al Sharpton and New York City Lawyers C. Vernon Mason and Alton Maddox — who claimed media attention with daily allegations of racism.

The title refers to the authors' contention that reporters knew they were feeding an "Unholy Alliance" with Sharpton and company by reporting

their allegations and capers.

They insert some actual TV script, and the book sometimes reads like voice-over for video. The reader sometimes has to speculate just who is speaking.

The Brawley story itself is fascinating, but the authors provide no analysis as to why the events occurred.

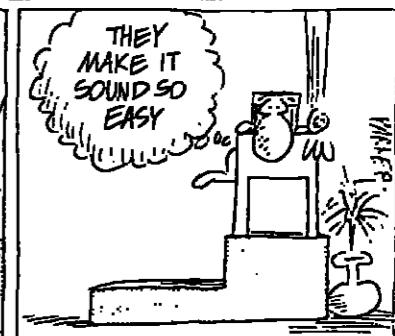
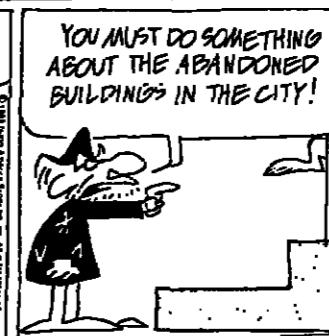
The Lost World and the Poison Belt, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Chronicle Books, 264 pp., \$8.95 PB).

It would be hard to find someone who hasn't heard of Sherlock Holmes, and almost as difficult to find multitude familiar with Prof. G.E. Challenger, another Arthur Conan Doyle hero. Chronicle Books is spreading the professor's fame by reprinting the Challenger stories in trade paperbacks, starting with "The Lost World and the Poison Belt."

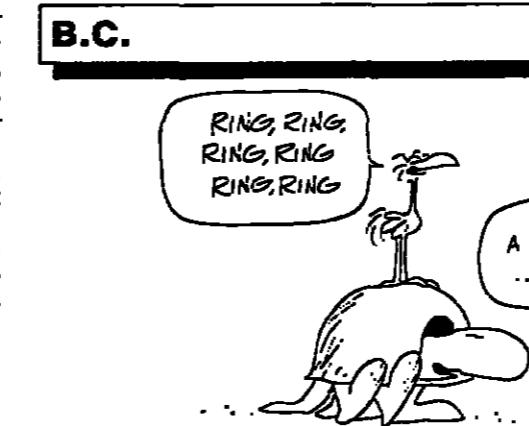
In the former, Challenger leads an expedition to a plateau somewhere up the Amazon inhabited by dinosaurs, missing links and stone-age homo sapiens, among other things.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Once you begin talking about the good old days you are in danger of getting set in your ways. The only good days should be those still to come. Take your time but do not daydream. Be reasonable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Leave yourself with enough time to avoid last minute rushes. It is easy to allow your standards to drop but do not do it. If you give more love than you get at least you will feel better for it. Be observant.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Your partner will need your love and support even more than is usual. You should not believe that everything you hear is literally true. Not all will be to your liking but much will still be. Be tolerant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

A letter you have written should be read again before it is sent off. You will tend to live too much in the past. But if you cannot bear to live in the present you will have to make a few changes right away. Be credible.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Avoid doing anything dishonest even if you think you can get away with it. Dress well but not too flamboyantly. Do not deny your partner something which he deserves or to which he is entitled. Be realistic.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

There is no time to lose but do not think that keeping clean and tidy is a waste of time. If you are putting on weight eat less. Love and allow yourself to be loved. Be patient.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

There is always time to learn, but even if it is never quite too late for better to be early. Your lucky numbers are 1 and 4. You will be able to have a bit of harmless fun. Be more tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Make sure you do not let your partner down. You have made a mess of some things, but you are not the only one. Do not allow your partner something which he deserves or to which he is entitled. Be generous.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Try not to impose upon others. Remember you may not be attractive enough to get love on a plate. And even if you are attractive you must learn to distinguish between love and self-agreement and to eschew the latter. Be loyal.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Do not expect to be loved for yourself alone. If you feel tired ask yourself whether you are getting all the sleep you need. Try to avoid "patent" medicines. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will tend to feel rather detached. Do not hesitate to turn to your partner for comfort, you will be surprised. You should ensure that you do not make a complicated matter even worse. Be tactful.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You are liable to forget something that is really important but you will have a chance to catch up. You should not suffer fools gladly but you should not think everyone is a fool.

EVENTS**Leonard's autumn, winter collection**

STYLE 'A' is prevalent in the collection.

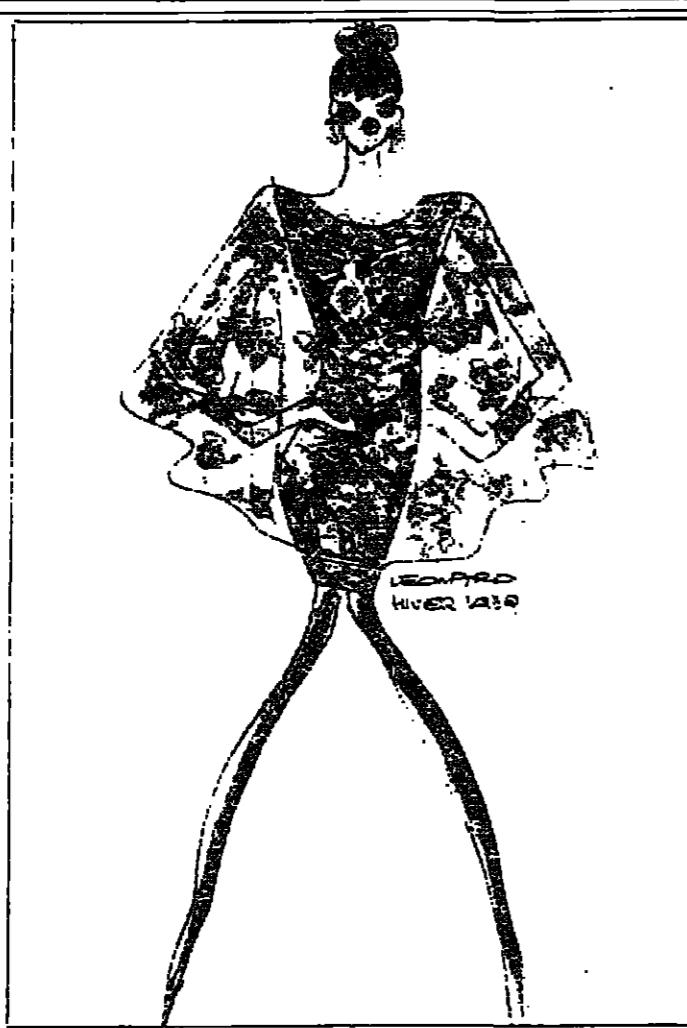
Tunics and short dresses worn on ribbed trousers or with matching knickers or long skirts.

For cocktails or for the evening, an Art-Deco trend with long slim skirts, a font-shape decollete and large jackets worn on fabrics with prints and a glister of gold.

"Leonard Tonic": renewing shapes with the arrival of the new wool jersey "Sport" and its young looks. V-shaped tunics that zip down over trousers, painter's shirts, musketeer suits worn over knickers.

"Leonard Studio": very shapely collection of dresses highlighted with jewel buttons.

Comfortable and flexible dresses stress the unique nature of jersey whether it is made of silk or of a mixture of wool and silk. Cute dresses of silk crepon add a dressier look to the drawings of cloistered flowers adorning this collection.

**Swissair posts encouraging results**

SWISSAIR has presented its 40,000 shareholders with an encouraging report on the company's performance for the first half of 1989.

Swissair reports continued traffic growth, buoyed by a generally favourable economic climate. Currency exchange rates were particularly beneficial, impacting positively on the carrier's results for the first time since 1985. Third-party service also slated encouraging returns in all areas. The increase in total revenues outpaced that in total costs, leading to an improved bottom line and a substantial profit for the traditionally weaker first half of the year.

January-June capacity was increased by 3.2 per cent to 1,798 million tonne-kilometres (against 1,742 million tonne-kilometres for the same period in 1988). Greatest capacity growth was in Europe, where, in addition to the new destinations of Ljubljana, Izmir and Lyons, Swissair consolidated its position in regional markets.

Fit for life

THE Kuwait International Hotel Recreation Centre is making positive changes, not only in its management, but also in terms of new equipment, facilities and activities.

With their expertise the Executive Fitness Centre and Health Club now wears an exciting new look. It has moved to a new location overlooking the gardens of the hotel and has effective and safe hydra-fitness equipment, loose weights, jogging machines and fitness bikes. Currently, the ladies' keep fit classes have picked momentum. After a workout ladies are invited to a free use of the pool. An innovative idea introduced is the Rent-a-Bike whereby fitness bikes can be sent up to guestrooms via the concierge. This way, no matter what the working hours are, everyone can have his daily quota of exercise.

The recreation team is qualified to coach a number of sports including tennis, swimming, gymnasium induction, ladies/mens keep fit, nutritional advice and can tailor make a training programme.



Ladies keep fit class in session at the Kuwait International Hotel.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1**

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Iflah Ya Simsim: Children's Programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mahlan Ayaha Al Omr: Arabic serial (Part 9)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.15 Naseeb: Daily local serial (Part 5)
- 12.05 Summer Clubs: Local Programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Al Mehrath Wa Elbour: Daily Arabic serial (Part 8)
- 3.00 Mawaqif Wa Khotab: Religious programme
- 3.30 Billfers: Cartoon serial
- 4.00 Cartoons
- 4.30 Meerath Al Seneen: Historical serial (Part 8)

KTV 2

- 5.30 Children and Summer: Local programme prepared by Samiya Mohammed
- 6.00 Variety
- 6.30 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official announcements.
- 7.00 The World of Tomorrow: Cultural programme
- 7.45 Holy Quran and Science: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi.
- 8.30 Variety Cultural Film News in Arabic
- 9.45 Omsiyat Al Ethneen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Burjis.
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Care Bears: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Scheme of Things: "How Do We Remember?" A look at the human brain and the mechanics of
- 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected: "Sauce for the Goose." A woman plans the death of her husband ... but things don't go as planned.
- 10.30 Jack and Mike: Starring: Shelly Hawk and Tom Mason.
- 11.45 News Summary

- 7.00 Roving Report: a weekly report of regional and world news.
- 7.30 Charles-In-Charge: "Buddy comes To Dinner." Charles invites a friend home ... to try to convince him to go out of a movie.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Paradise: "Last Warriors." John Taylor believes in defending his country.
- 9.30 227: "Looking Back." Mary and Lester, Sandra and Rose, and Pearl reminisce about the best moments in their life — family albums come in handy. Comedy. Starring: Jackie.
- 10.00 Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

- Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran: Closedown
- 10.30 Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



A scene from Charles-In-Charge on KTV2 at 7.30 pm today.

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Saint Laurent goes public

THERE'S no surer way of testing the public's confidence in a company than asking people to invest their money in it.

The world-famous fashion and fragrance houses Yves Saint Laurent Parfums passed that test with outstanding marks in July when it offered shares on the French Stock Exchange. The public responded with such remarkable enthusiasm that the issue of shares was delayed because of massive over-subscription. Investors at first signed up for more than 250 times the amount of stock available!

On the day of the flotation the public asked for 10.75 million shares, compared with the 400,000 that were made available at a price of FFR853 (\$129) each.

Going public also meant that once again Yves Saint Laurent had made history. "This is the first time a fashion company was introduced on the French stock market, a revolutionary step that would have been unthinkable even a decade ago. It was a real test of our worth," said Yves Saint Laurent's long-time partner, Pierre Berge.

"The public realised at once what a great investment shares in the company would be," said

Pierre de Champfleury, President of Yves Saint Laurent Parfums. "The dazzling Haute Couture collections and creations such as Paris and Opium have made Yves Saint Laurent a household name, a name that is synonymous with style and quality."

As well as raising capital by selling the public about ten per cent of the company, the move will give rise to a new company structure which gives management a near-complete independence from shareholders.

Berge said this would protect both the business and small shareholders from hostile takeovers bids and in-house squabbles.

The flotation of Yves Saint Laurent shares on the Paris Exchange also shows the growing relationship between high finance and high fashion.

"Without a solid financial backbone we would not have the resources to design, produce and market quality products," says Berge.

"It was in fact a mixture of creativity and business acumen that led to Yves Saint Laurent's meteoric growth. In 1961 the

company occupied just two small rooms on the Rue la Boetie. It now has annual sales of over \$450 million. Yves Saint Laurent Parfums employs 2,400 people and has 13 affiliate companies in many countries, while Yves Saint Laurent Couture employs 380 people at its Paris headquarters.

The company now intends to expand beyond fragrance and fashion into new areas through acquisitions. "But there will always be an emphasis on quality," says De Champfleury.

What will not change however, is the corporate identity. Says Berge, "Our flagship will continue to be Haute Couture because the biannual collections spread our creative message to the world. Fashion will always be the base on which everything else rests."

Nor does Yves Saint Laurent intend to lose its leading place in the world of women's and men's fragrances. "The perfume and cosmetics division is responsible for presenting the Yves Saint Laurent name to the public in the highly competitive and creative world of prestige fragrances, make-up and skin care," says Berge.

by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring family and friends and savour our delicious Sharazad barbecue, at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

At the Hotel Pullman
At the Elysee Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.

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President calls for unity, faith and discipline



President Ghulam Ishaque Khan

TODAY, when the nation celebrates the 42nd anniversary of its independence, I share the joy and sense of jubilation of my countrymen and extend to them my very warm felicitations.

The story of our Heroic Freedom movement under the inspiring leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, culminating in the emergence of Pakistan as an independent, sovereign, Islamic state, is too widely known to need recapitulation. We proudly carry the indelible imprint of that epoch struggle as symbolising the noblest hour of our achievement as a nation and its pride and glory.

It may, however, not be inappropriate to recall today what the Father of the Nation said on the occasion of the first Eid in Pakistan: "Great responsibilities have come to us, and equally great should be our determination and endeavour to discharge

them... The time for real solid work has now arrived, and I have no doubt in my mind that the Muslim genius will put its shoulder to the wheel and conquer all obstacles in our way on the road which may appear uphill."

Even after 42 years, the road still appears uphill. Responsibilities of today are no less gigantic than those of yesterday. The need for real solid work continues to be pressing as then, the difficulties that the nation faces are, however, not insurmountable. Through unity, faith and discipline we can conquer all obstacles in our way.

This is the first Independence Day after the restoration of party-based democracy in Pakistan. What could be a more propitious occasion to go a step farther than the traditional thanks-giving and rejoicing and pledge to rededicate ourselves to the ideology of Pakistan and

reaffirm our commitment to the principles and ways of true democracy. Human freedom and dignity, equality and justice, collective good, tolerance and forbearance — these are the essential ingredients of an Islamic democratic order. We must uphold and nurture them, individually and collectively, and make them an intrinsic part of our socio-economic milieu and our political culture. Only then can we realise the essence of Pakistan's raison d'être and only then can we translate the ideals of democracy into a living and functioning reality.

It took untold sufferings and colossal sacrifices of millions for decades to create Pakistan. We must jealously guard its integrity against the external forces of expansionism and hegemony and the internal pulls of ethnic, regional and parochial prejudices. Restoration of democracy has not come about easily,

either. We must see to it that it is not frustrated away in senseless squabbles, acrimonious rifts and self-serving concepts. We must promote an unwavering resolve to maintain national cohesion and unity. We must demonstrate an unflinching faith in the Islamic, federal, democratic character of our State. We must practice unreserved adherence to the constitution. That alone is the way to make Pakistan great.

I am sure, as a nation, we will not be found wanting either in will or in ability to preserve and develop what the country's founding fathers have bequeathed to us and leave it in a better, healthier and happier shape for the generations to come. That would be the most befitting tribute on this auspicious day to the memory of the Quaid and the martyrs of our Freedom Movement.

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Appeal to youth

ON the occasion of the 43rd Independence Day I would urge our compatriots to rededicate themselves to the ideals that the founding father, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, identified as the foundations for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. He had emphatically stated that Pakistan would be a democratic state based on the principles of Islamic social justice.

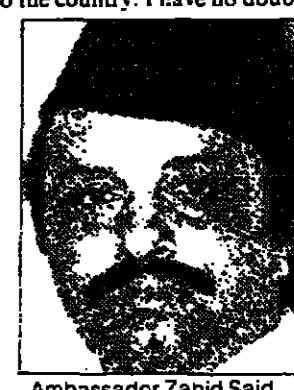
It is heartening to see that today Pakistan is ever closer to that goal under an able and youthful leadership. The government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, apart from its firm commitment to Islam, democracy, constitutional government and fundamental rights for citizens, is dedicated to the task of nation building in a manner that the fruits of progress are shared by all and a basis is laid for the creation of an egalitarian society.

In keeping with its political goals, the government has given increased priority to the social sector, particularly education and health, even though it faces severe financial constraints. I would like to emphasise to our compatriots that when a government proceeds on a constitutional path and sets the right priorities for the uplift of the masses, it deserves their unequivocal support. On this auspicious day Pakistanis in Kuwait must therefore, seriously contemplate what contribution they can make in the nation building process.

One of the pressing problems being faced by Pakistan is the large balance of payments deficit, which overseas Pakistanis can greatly help to mitigate. Those who wish to assist the country in its development efforts should remit their savings on a regular basis through normal banking channels and should also take advantage of the various saving schemes sponsored by the government. In addition to this they could more vigorously pursue the investment opportunities offered to overseas Pakistanis from time to time.

On this auspicious occasion I would also like to appeal to our children and youth to take greater interest in the affairs of their country and to prepare themselves for service in this cause by acquiring the best possible education. I feel their parents owe it to them to maintain their moorings to the country. I have no doubt that our youth have been greatly encouraged by the emergence of a young and dynamic leadership in Pakistan which illustrates that they too can play an effective role in building the country in the future.

On behalf of the Pakistani community I would like to convey to His Highness the Amir, to His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister and to the government and brotherly people of Kuwait our thanks for providing an opportunity to our citizens to work in this country as useful members of Kuwaiti society.



Message of Zahid Said, Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait.



Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto



Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Power to the people

(Excerpts from Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's speeches)

By Dr Riaz A. Mehesar

We are embarked on a journey undertaken by those who have their hearts set on a progressive Pakistan, a democratic Pakistan and a Pakistan free from exploitation. Our journey began 20 years ago when Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto founded a party for safeguarding the rights of the down-trodden and deprived people of our country. In 1971, he saved the country when an earlier dictatorship broke it into two. He gave power to the people and thereby saved the country...

We will overcome difficulties through toleration and peace and amity. We will adopt the path of love. We will end hunger and humiliation. We will provide roofs over the heads of those without homes. We will provide employment to the jobless. We will teach reading and writing to the unlettered. We cannot tolerate abundance of wealth on the one hand and abject poverty on the other.

— Address to nation 2-12-1988

We would like to practise politics of consensus. I will today, in this august position, seek Allah's help in showing me the way to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Pakistan. I know that although one journey has ended, another journey has begun. And there are promises to keep, and many miles to go before we reach our goal.

— Address to members of APNEC & PFUJ Lahore 27-1-1989

The time available at our disposal is short. We want to condense the progress of decades in years. Perhaps that is ambitious, but sometimes ambition is good.

The more high you set your target, the higher will be your progress. I call upon those who have the experience and those who would like to gain experience, set your sight and the higher your sight, the higher you will rise. I wish you every success.

I call upon all of you to answer the call of your conscience; I call upon all of you to put aside personal likes and dislikes; I call upon all of you not to think of small and petty issues or direct issues but to think of larger issues, because I believe that when you set your sights high, when you release the energy of the people, you release the creative imagination; you release their talent, then I believe this civilisation which has in it the potential of greatness, can rise to greatness again.

— Address on the occasion of foundation laying of SJC 2-3-89

I assure you as your sister that this country belongs to all of us. As Pakistanis, we are all one whether we are Sindhis or Punjabis, Baluchi or Pathan, and we are proud of being Pakistani.

— We shall devote all our energies to build our motherland.

— We shall overcome all difficulties and remove from our way all obstacles.

— Pakistani nation is a great nation. We shall make it still greater.

— Address to the nation 23-3-1989

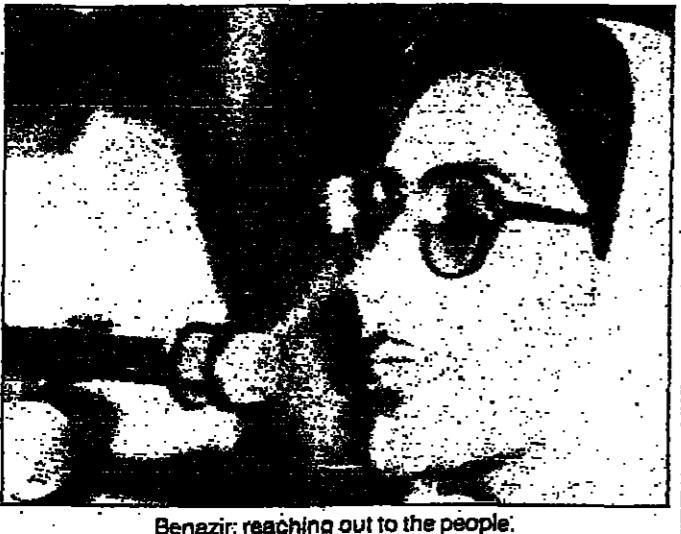
Social democracy revitalises nation

FOR the people of Pakistan the past year has an historic significance in that it has seen return of democracy and constitutional rule to our country. We have put an end to dictatorship and inhumanity. The Pakistan of today is a new self-confident Pakistan revitalised by the restoration of democracy and a fresh warmth of freedom. Our government has not only freed political prisoners and restored fundamental rights but also is dedicated to humanism through social democracy.

The people of Pakistan honoured me as the directly elected prime minister after the holding of party-based elections in Pakistan in which the Pakistani People's Party emerged as the single largest parliamentary group. The general election was a demonstration of the deep commitment of the people of Pakistan to peace, progress and prosperity. It was an affirmation by the poor and the exploited, the weak and the dispossessed to shape their own destiny. The transition to democracy marks not only the culmination of a peaceful political movement by the democratic process in Pakistan but also reflects sense of responsibility and maturity of our people. It convincingly disproves the notion that people of developing countries are not fit for democracy.

It is the policy of our legal and constitutional government to strengthen the roots of democracy and to ensure that the fundamental rights and freedom are protected and given substance. We believe that the people must fully participate in the task of nation building and share in the fruits of progress. We are determined to build a just and forward-looking society so that Pakistan can enter the 21st century as a progressive and self-reliant member of the international community, a nation free of discrimination and backwardness.

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Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto,
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Benazir: reaching out to the people.

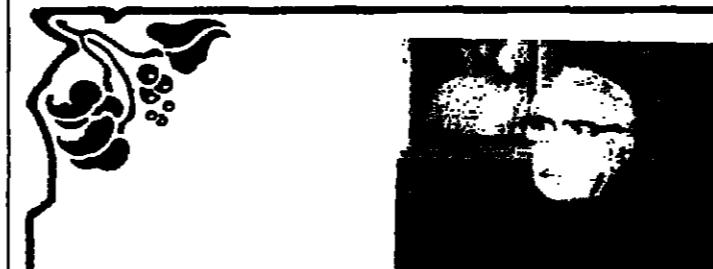
Islamic ideals

"THE Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) was a great teacher. He was a great law-giver. He was a great statesman and he was a great sovereign who ruled. No doubt, there are many people who do not quite appreciate when we talk of Islam.

"Islam is not only a set of rituals, traditions and spiritual doctrines. Islam is also a code for every Muslim which regulates his life and his conduct in even politics and economics and the like. It is based on the highest principles of honour, integrity, fairplay and justice for all, one God and the equality of man is one of the fundamental principles of Islam. In Islam there is no difference between man and man. The qualities of equality, liberty and fraternity are the fundamental principles of Islam.

"Islamic principles today are as applicable to life as they were 1,300 years ago. Islam and its idealism have taught democracy. Islam has taught equality, justice and fairplay to everybody. What reason is there for anyone to fear democracy, equality, freedom on the highest standard of integrity and on the basis of fairplay and justice for everyone."

(Quaid-e-Azam's address to Karachi Bar Association on January 25, 1948)



We extend our greetings to the government and people of Pakistan on Independence Day of Pakistan



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By Najma Saleem

PAKISTAN appeared on the world map as an independent, sovereign state in 1947 out of the British Indian empire in South Asia, known for its fabulous wealth and highly advanced industries.

The country extending over an area of 796,095 km², with a population of well over 101 million, offers vast, varied and valuable treasures of archaeology comparable to any in the world. Similarly, on the cultural front, it has been like a crucible in which there came and got blended hordes of Aryans, Greeks, Persians, Turks, Central Asians, as well as endless pageants of saints and savants, merchants and emissaries, artists and craftsmen, travellers and tourists since the very dawn of history.

Alexander the Great led his armies through the famous Khyber Pass. The Persians came under their kings, Cyrus, Darius and Xerxes, and later the land was swept by hordes of Central Asian invaders.

The Arabs brought Islam along with Islamic traditions to this part of Asia in the beginning of the 8th century, followed by Turks, Afghans and the Mughals. Here they lived and loved, each leaving their mark on the land and its people.

Destination Pakistan

Any traveller journeying from West to East or East to West by air, sea or land, can easily touch Pakistan somewhere. If you are travelling by air, there is hardly any international airline flying East which does not touch down at Karachi — one of the most important air terminals in the East. Pakistan is, thus, among the most accessible of Eastern countries.

Ocean liners sail down the Suez Canal of the Cape of Good Hope and anchor at Karachi port, linking it to three continents — Asia, Europe and Africa.

From the point of view of a tourist, very few persons abroad are aware of the fact that Pakistan is a big 'plus point,' as they can enjoy a more leisurely holiday in a very economical way and without being disturbed by noisy crowds of pleasure seekers. They can take themselves to the heavenly heights of the snow-clad mountains in the northern region, surrounding valleys with miles upon miles of greenery and wild flowers, with complete security and freedom of movement, indulging in, if you want, bird-watching, trout fish-

A blend of the cultures of the Middle East and Asia Exploring the crossroads of the world



A mosque in the beautiful 320-km long valley of Chitral.

ing, or hunting along the route for mountain goats and even ibex, with official permission.

Down in the plains of Punjab and Sind, a visitor will come across well irrigated farmlands sprawling right down to the coastline of Baluchistan, kissing the Arabian Sea.

Beyond the golden beaches offering undisturbed boating, fishing and swimming, the country has everything to offer to tourists and visitors looking for adventure, pleasure, or serious study. Every aspect of Pakistan, from the city sophistication to natural beauty, is unique and distinctive.

Karachi

With a population touching the 7-million mark, Karachi is today the largest industrial and commercial centre of Pakistan and also an international airport. Its naturally protected harbour

and moderate climate are supplemented by the sports and the romance of the sea.

Quetta. They bring you to an exciting land that is modern enough to provide all comforts, rich in old world charms, hospitality, and a civilisation matured over millennia.

Karakoram Highway

The opening of the Khunjerab Pass, 16,000 feet high in the Karakoram range, for tourists to travel between Pakistan and China, was an exciting event in the world of tourism. They can now travel on the ancient "Silk Route" that connected Cathay with South Asia, Middle East and Europe centuries ago. This was the route taken by explorers like Huen Tsang and Marco Polo, and traders, travellers, pilgrims and soldiers of fortune in the Middle Ages.

Hunza, Gilgit & Skardu

The fabled land of Hunza and Gilgit, lying amidst the sky-high

mountains in the northern reaches of Pakistan, has been the subject of some of the most spine-chilling accounts of travellers from the days of Marco Polo in the 14th century to the present times. The area is now within a few hours reach of the tourists entering Pakistan from any point.

The approach to this fabulous part of Pakistan, wedged in between the sky-high Himalayas and the majestic Karakorams, is comparatively much easier today than what it used to be 20 years ago, with the linking of Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, with a jeep-road upto Gilgit through the beautiful valley of Kaghan and over the 13,000 ft high Babusar Pass. Easier still is the recently established air-link with Gilgit and Skardu, the capital of Baltistan, over the breath-taking span of a good 300

km of snow-clad mountain tops and the narrow, tortuous Indus river valley.

Going north-east of the Gilgit town, about 100 km by the Karakoram Highway, is the valley of Hunza, unsurpassable in beauty, and a veritable paradise on earth, surrounded by mountain peaks, soaring majestically into clear-blue skies during summer. Its people belong to a race different from the rest of Pakistan, who trace their origin to the Greek followers of Alexander the Great and speak a language of their own, called 'Brahui' of unknown origin. Both men and women wear colourful dresses.

Peaks

The northern region of Pakistan is the meeting place of the world's three greatest mountain ranges: the Himalayas, the Hindu Kush and the Karakorams. The result is that within a range of a few square miles one comes across the biggest concentration of some of the world's highest peaks, including the K-2 (8,611 metres), second only to the Everest. Other peaks, exceeding 8,000 metres are: Nanga Parbat (8,126 metres), Gasherbrum I (8,068 metres), Broad Peak (8,047 metres), and Gasherbrum II (8,035 metres). Besides, there are 68 peaks of more than 7,000 metres (21,000 ft) height in this area.

The whole area offers unprecedented attractions for mountaineers and trekkers, as well as for lovers of nature who would roam about in the silence of snow-clad peaks and flower-laden valleys.

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Results of transformation visible over wide spectrum

Advent of democracy in Pakistan



Benazir Bhutto casts her vote. The advent of democracy has meant the end of a long dark night and the beginning of a bright new day, holding a great deal of promise and high hopes.



Cabinet Mission formed in 1946.

By S.G.M. Bodruddin
PAKISTAN celebrates the anniversary of its independence on August 14 this year in a changed and politically congenial environment — with the democratic process restored and with popularly elected, representative governments at the helm of affairs in the Federation and the provinces.

The transformation from an eleven-year period of dictatorship to a new era of democracy has been welcomed especially in the countries which have established democratic systems of their own.

Thus, when Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was visiting the United Kingdom in July, British Prime Minister Margaret That-

cher felicitated her particularly for bringing back democracy to Pakistan. Earlier, when the Pakistan Prime Minister visited USA, similar sentiments were expressed by President George Bush and the American Congress. All this reflected their inherent preference for a democratic order.

In Pakistan also, there were demonstrations of euphoric jubilations at times. But for the people of Pakistan the advent of democracy meant more than all that. It meant the end of a long dark night and the beginning of a new bright day which held a great deal of promise, the hope that, as originally conceived, Pakistan will be re-established as a democratic country.

The hope also stemmed from the fact that it was through the political democratic process that Pakistan was established under the dynamic leadership of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah who believed in and practised democracy all his life.

Ironically, the country which came into existence democratically was repeatedly denied the values of this system through the adventurous ambitions of Army generals who stifled or suppressed the democratic process.

The last period of dictatorship, now replaced by the new democratic order, began on July 5, 1977 when General Zia-ul-Haq, then chief of the army staff toppled the Government of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and declared martial law.

On assuming power, the general promised early elections but the promise was not fulfilled. Actually, the general set himself on a course which aimed at the perpetuation of his power which he enjoyed till his death in an air crash on August 17, 1988.

During this period of more than 11 years, he changed the Constitution, cut down the powers of the judiciary and suppressed freedom of expression and association and put curbs on the freedom of the Press.

It is obviously against this backdrop that the advent of democracy in Pakistan is being seen as something extraordinarily welcome, while this is a system which has been and should have been in vogue in this country as the universally recognised system which most aptly reflects the will of the people.

Old order disappears

Now that the old order has disappeared and a new democratic government has been functioning, the results of the change are visible over a wide spectrum. To begin with, there is full revival of political activity and all restrictions on political meetings, processions and even demonstrations have been removed.

Then, the freedoms which are the hallmark of a democratic system have been fully restored. The press is completely free, even to write against the government leaders to the extent of being harsh, even unfair at occasions. The freedom of the trade unions and the students, whose associations were banned, has been restored.

The rights of women have received special attention. Some of the old laws which were regarded as iniquitous for women are in the process of revision. Now a fair number of women occupy high positions in the government as ministers and administrators.

The restoration of human rights naturally demanded the presence of an effective judicial system. This has also been ensured with the reassertion of their authority by the higher judiciary and the dignity of the law that is now guaranteed in the democratic system.

An area which faced considerable difficulty was the national economy. In the absence of a democratic order, decisions were taken arbitrarily and on an ad hoc basis. This situation has also been corrected, now all major decisions have to pass through the Cabinet and even the assemblies where needed. There is also open debate and broad consultation with the

concerned sections of the people. These are some of the edifying aspects of the return of democracy in Pakistan. But obviously some of the distortions created in the past in the political system and in the socio-economic order have not been entirely eliminated. Nor, perhaps, one could expect them to vanish suddenly, as if by magic.

In the ultimate analysis, the democratic order which has been established in Pakistan should, therefore, be seen to have a stable base despite the distortions created in the past and their after-effects.

In the first place, the people who gave a verdict in favour of the restoration of democracy have an inherent interest in its preservation.

Secondly, the political hostilities, the regional issues, the continuance of violence in some areas spawned by past divisive policies can also be ultimately resolved only through the democratic process.

Thirdly, democracy is not only an end but also a means to other ends, that is, the governance through popular participation and solving not only political but social, economic and other problems of the people in accordance with the will of the people. Hence the need of its being strengthened by all sections of people.



Under the new democratic government, the rights of women have received special attention. Inside a laboratory at Karachi University (above); A sewing class at an Industrial Home in Lahore. A fair number of women also occupy high positions in the government as ministers and administrators.



President Ghulam Ishaque Khan administers the Oath of Office of Prime Minister to Benazir Bhutto at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Dec 2, 1988.

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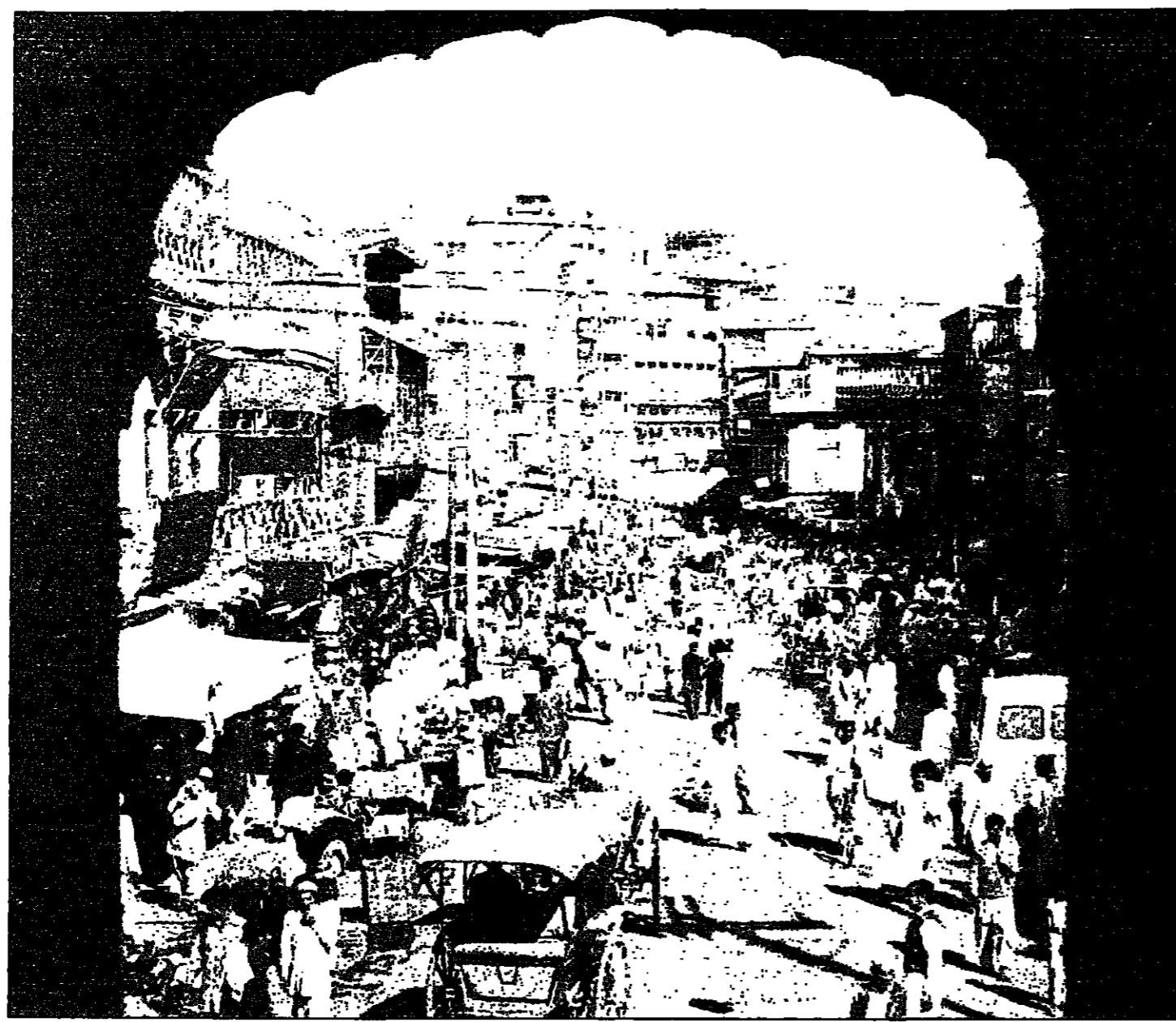
Economic achievements of democracy

By Dr Mushtaq Ahmad

THE newly elected democratic government was installed in the first week of December 1988. It inherited a shattered economy. In the preceding decade or so the policies adopted were based on ad-hocism. No judicious economic planning for putting the economy on long-run growth track was made. The problems were allowed to continue to persist and a stage had reached where these had started sapping productive energies of the nation.

In early December 1988, the country was in the grip of high inflation. The consumer prices were increasing at an annual rate of 18 percent. There was an acute shortage of many essential consumer commodities like wheat, chillies, pulses, tea and milk. There was no discipline in government expenditure; the government was heavily relying on bank borrowings. The resource gap in the government budget was as high as Rs. 58.6 billion in 1987-88 and roughly one third of the expenditure was met by borrowing from banks, general public and foreign countries. The deficit financing touched the record of Rs. 8.6 billion by end of November 1988; this implied an annual rate of more than Rs 20 billion of deficit financing. The national debt had reached the alarming figure of Rs 500 billion, about half of which was repayable in foreign exchange. The foreign exchange reserves had touched the lowest ebb at \$ 272 million at the end of November 1988; this amount was barely sufficient to meet import liabilities only for two weeks.

The important sectors of Education and Health were completely ignored. The literacy rate was at a dismally low level i.e. 30 per cent which provides no comparison with many developing countries of the region. The health facilities were completely inadequate. The physical infra-



Oissa Khawani Bazar, Peshawar: even soaring prices do not keep the masses away

structure was poor. There was inadequate electricity generation. Rural-urban disparities in terms of social and physical facilities had widened. Sense of

deprivation had taken acute form and there were serious social disturbances in large commercial cities of Karachi and Hyderabad. In the last half of 1988 major industries started recording reduction in production. Similarly, exports had stagnated. Unemployment problem had become alarmingly acute.

Plans for economic stability

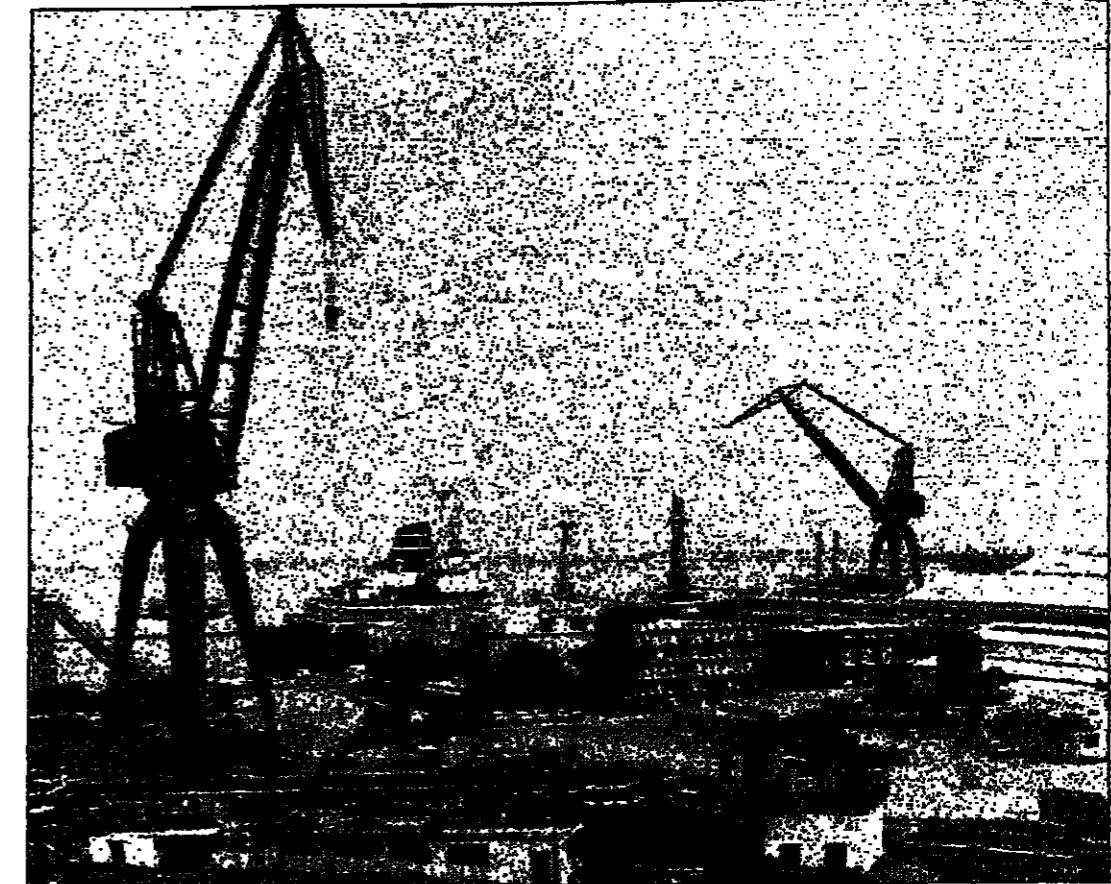
With coming into power, the present government attached high priority to attend to the alarming economic and social problems of the country. Without losing any time it started devising long run plans to create ground for economic and political stability and to restore the confidence of the people in government policies. Nobody can deny the fact that the structural problems which have grown over the years cannot be resolved overnight. Nevertheless, an effort has been initiated to eliminate them ultimately.

Soaring prices and public resentment over them were the major causes of concern for the government. It made immediate arrangements for importing wheat, chillies, pulses, powdered

milk and other essential commodities to augment their domestic availabilities. Budgetary deficit and government borrowing from the banks have been drastically reduced. All possible economy has been exercised in government expenditure. Monetary discipline is being strictly exercised. Domestic production has also been encouraged. These factors helped to moderate the heated aggregate demand which was exerting pressure on prices and also augmented domestic supply. The inflationary tempo has been subdued as a result of these measures. The price increases since January 1989 are much lower than in the preceding six-month period.

As is committed in the manifesto of the Pakistan Peoples

Party, the government is encouraging the private sector to play a leading role in industrialization of the country. In April 1989 the present government announced a new industrial policy. It aims at removing bottlenecks often agitated by the prospective investors and creating a congenial environment for fostering rapid and broad based industrial growth in the country. The list of specified industries requiring government approval has been reduced from 12 to 7. Sanctioning procedure has been liberalized and a time limit of sixty days fixed for approval of projects within which provision of infrastructure facilities has to be ensured. Unspecified new projects with capital cost of up to Rs One billion can be taken up freely if the entire amount is to be



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raised from private sources. A Board of Investment headed by the prime minister has been set up for speedy implementation of investment decisions. Many other measures of far ranging importance are spelled in the new industrial policy. Fairly sizeable allocations of bank credit has been made in the country's credit plan. Liberal fiscal incentives have been provided in the budget for 1989-90. Similarly, agriculture is being encouraged by raising agricultural support prices. Enhanced budget allocations,

have been made for transformation of agriculture and rural areas.

Development of energy sources has been assigned high priority. Transport and communication facilities are being improved, especially so in the rural areas. The government has increased by 68 per cent the budgetary allocation of funds for education in order to rapidly increase education facilities and to improve education quality. A comprehensive health plan is being prepared not only for modernizing the medical facilities but also to extend their coverage to the far flung rural areas which have remained ignored in the past. This will translate the government commitment into reality for ensuring medical treatment even to those who cannot afford to pay the medical expenses.

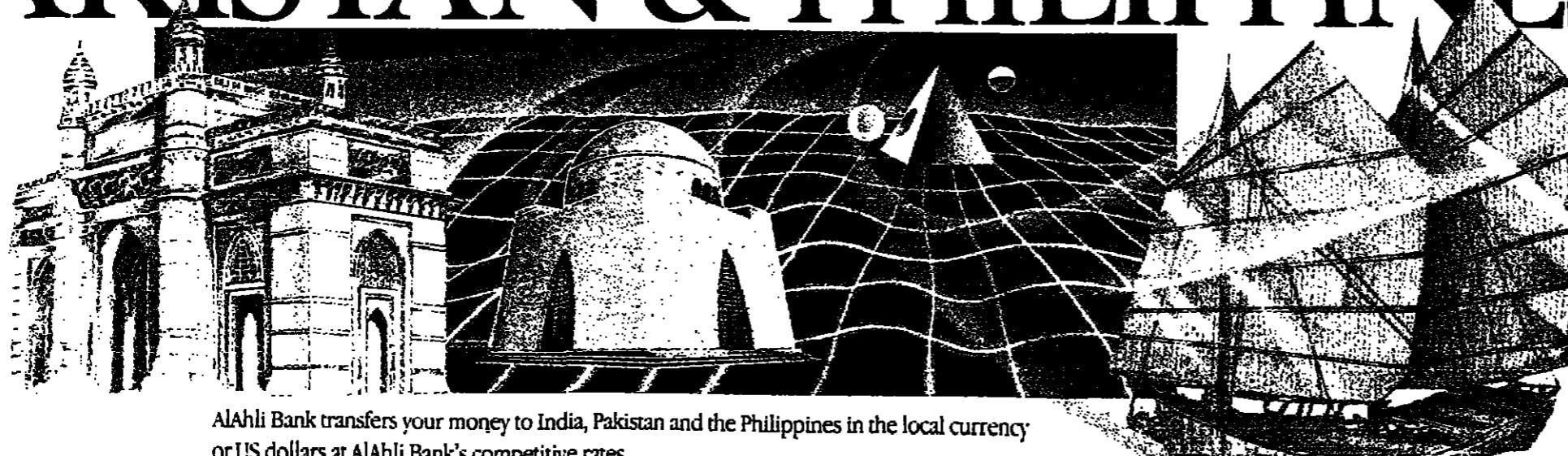
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A People's Development Programme with an initial amount of Rs. two billion was launched. An allocation of Rs three billion has been made for this in the budget for 1989-90. This programme represents the first sizeable effort at taking

development effort to the grass roots, providing opportunity for local effort to satisfy local needs, evoking popular participation, and making the economic development process visible and meaningful throughout the lengths and breadths of the country. The programme has immense potential for the future, in transforming popular attitudes and mobilizing effort and savings for development. It will generate employment and help to alleviate poverty.

In its budget and trade policy for 1989-90 announced in June 1989, the government has laid before the nation its plan for macro economic management. This contains wide-ranging fiscal, monetary and other economic measures aimed at enforcing monetary and fiscal discipline, and revitalizing the economy. It is targeted at eradication of poverty, removal of sectorial imbalances in growth process, ensuring participation of the masses in contributing towards growth as well as in sharing its benefits, fostering employment opportunities and increasing reliance on domestic resources for growth.

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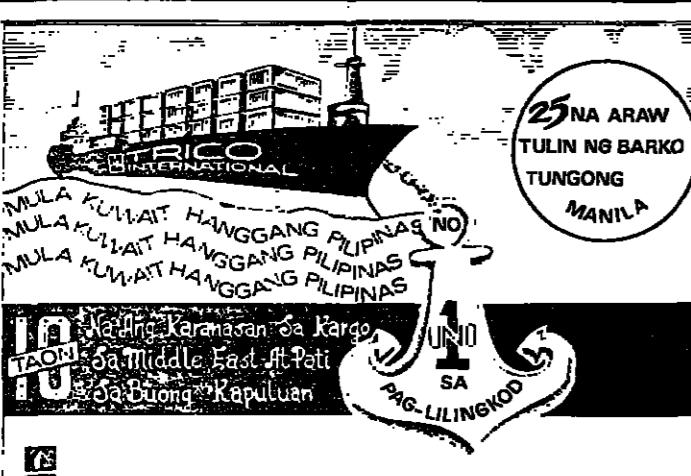
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SPORTS

Cubs edge Phillies

Dodgers trounce Giants

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (AP): Even before the game started, it was a big day for Shawon Dunston.

Dunston made it even more memorable, driving home a career-high six runs as the Chicago Cubs held off the Philadelphia Phillies 9-7 yesterday in another wild one between the teams at Wrigley Field.

"What makes this date so important," Dunston said, "is five years to the date I was brought up to the big Leagues."

It was a great day for the Cubs, too. Chicago, which began the day with a 2-and-1 game lead in the National League East, won for the eighth time in 10 games.

On Thursday, the Phillies rallied past Chicago 16-13 in a

35-hit slugfest. The clubs have played the two highest-scoring games in Major-League history, both in Chicago.

This time, Chicago took a 5-3 lead in the first inning and won despite being outhit 10-9. Von Hayes, Charlie Hayes, Steve Jeltz and Len Dykstra hit home runs for the Phillies and Dunston connected for the Cubs.

Astros 6, Reds 5

Glen Davis singled home the tying run with two outs in the ninth and scored on a wild pitch. Houston won for the third time in 11 games.

Dodgers 5, Giants 1

Fernando Valenzuela, 7-11, overcame his candlestock Park Jinx and pitched his eighth career two-hitter and first since Sept. 22,

1986. He struck out six, walked three and hit an RBI double.

Valenzuela improved to 8-13 lifetime at the Giants' Park. He has a 15-17 career record against San Francisco.

Eddie Murray and Jose Gonzalez homered for the Dodgers.

Mets 3, Cardinals 1

David Cone won his seventh straight decision and went 3-for-3 with an RBI as New York won for the eighth time in 10 games, cone, 10-3, allowed six hits in seven-plus innings and struck out 7-0 at home. He struck out eight and walked two. Randy Myers finished for his 18th save.

Expos 5, Pirates 2

Kevin Gross won for the first time in four starts and Tim

Raines homered. Gross, 9-8, allowed four hits in eight innings, struck out nine and walked none. Zane Smith pitched a one-hitter for his second save.

Braves 5, Padres 4

Tom Glavine pitched no-hits for 6 1-3 innings and Darrell Evans drove in three runs. Glavine, 11-6, gave up three hits in seven innings, struck out three and walked two. Chris James broke up the no-hit bid with a one-out homer in the seventh.

Bruce Hurst, 11-9, gave up 11 hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked one.

Twins 6, Yankees 3

Hot-hitting Al Newman single home the tiebreaking run in the fifth inning. The Twins, routed 11-3 Friday night by New York's 18-hit attack, shut out the Yankees in the final six innings.

Brewers 5, Indians 1

Chris Bosio pitched a six-hitter and Robin Young got three hits and drove in two runs. Milwaukee won for the fourth time in five games. Cleveland has lost six of nine.

Blue Jays 2, Royals 0

George Bell and Ernie Whitt drove in runs with two-out hits in the eighth inning. Todd Stottlemyre, 4-5, allowed five hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked one.

Results

National League	
Houston	6
Chicago	9
Los Angeles	5
New York	3
Montreal	5
Atlanta	5
Minnesota	6
Oakland	8
Milwaukee	5
Toronto	2
Detroit	6
Boston	10
Seattle	4
American League	
Cincinnati	5
San Francisco	1
St. Louis	1
Pittsburgh	2
San Diego	4
New York	3
California	1
Cleveland	1
Kansas City	0
Texas	5
Baltimore	8
Chicago	3



Cincinnati Reds' pitcher John Franco loses the ball as Houston Astros' Glenn Davis (left) scores the winning run. (Reuter wirephoto)

NYSCAC to hear both complaints

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (UPI): The New York State Athletic Commission has scheduled an Aug 21 hearing to investigate charges that promoter Don King illegally interfered with world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson's contract with his manager, NYSCAC chairman Randy Gordon said yesterday.

King's promotional licence can be lifted if the charges made by Tyson's manager Bill Clinton are proven, Gordon said. King has also questioned the validity of Cayton's managerial contract, and those charges will be investigated at a later hearing.

"We will hear both complaints," Gordon said. "First, we'll hear Cayton's complaint, then we'll reverse it."

King can also be fined or suspended if it is proven he signed Tyson to a promotional agreement without Cayton's consent. His licence in New York expires Sept. 30.

King's attorney was notified of the hearing on Thursday. Gordon said he expects King to attend, although he has not subpoenaed the promoter. He said he will consider issuing a subpoena if King tries to delay the investigation.

"I'll try to make it as short as possible. I don't want this to drag on for weeks," Gordon said. "Hopefully, we can get a ruling in a day or two (after the hearing)."

Commissioners Gordon, Rose, Trentman and Jimmy Dupree will conduct the hearing.

Cayton charges King with signing Tyson to a four-year exclusive promotional contract without the manager's approval. King counters that Cayton's managerial licence is invalid.

"It is our contention that Mike Tyson has a manager and has a manager to this day — me — and, therefore, his dealings with Don King cannot be legal," Cayton said.

Redskins and Eagles win

NEW YORK, Aug 13, (AP): The Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles, rivals in the Eastern Division of the NFL's National Conference, won their second consecutive pre-season games last night.

Joe Mickles' six-yard run with 5:32 remaining capped an 87-yard drive directed by reserve quarterback Stan Humphries as the Redskins beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 21-14.

Don McPherson threw two fourth-quarter touch-down passes and led the Eagles over the Atlanta Falcons 23-17.

The first full weekend of the NFL's exhibition season was highlighted by 10 games yesterday. It was San Francisco 37, Los Angeles Raiders 7; Green Bay 28, New York Jets 27; New York Giants 20, New England 17; Tampa Bay 41, Houston 23; Cleveland 25, Detroit 24; Indianapolis 31, New Orleans 7; Minnesota 23, Kansas City 13; and Denver 17, Los Angeles Rams 13.

Colts 31, Saints 7

Terrence Flager ran for 116 yards and two touch-downs as San Francisco's Super Bowl champions scored four times in the first 21 minutes over the Raiders.

Packers 28, Jets 27

Sterling Sharpe turned a short pass from Anthony Dilweg into a go-ahead 49-yard touchdown late in the third quarter. The Jets had a chance to win in the last minute, but Pat Leahy missed a 44-yard field goal try.

Giants 20, Patriots 17

Jeff Hostetler and Mike Perez threw touchdown passes and Raul Allegre kicked two field goals for the Giants.

Buccaneers 41, Oilers 23

Vinny Testaverde passed for two touchdowns and ran for another. Testaverde, who threw an NFC-record 35 interceptions last year, completed nine of 22 passes for 137 yards with no interceptions. His scoring passes of 32 yards and 28 yards helped the Bucs to a 31-9 half-time lead.

Browns 25, Lions 24

Defensive end Carl Hairston recorded a safety after Detroit rookie quarterback Rodney Peete fumbled into the end zone, giving Cleveland a 5-0 lead in the first quarter. Hairston intercepted a pass by Peete early in the second period and went 73 yards to make it 15-7, en route to victory.

Colts 31, Saints 7

Mike Prior intercepted two passes and returned one 53 yards for a touchdown to lead Indianapolis over the New Orleans Saints.

Vikings 23, Chiefs 13

Minnesota defensive end Chris Doleman ran 43 yards for a second-quarter touchdown after stripping the ball from Kansas City quarterback Steve Deberg.

Minnesota led 10-3 at halftime and started the second half with quarterback Tommy Kramer engineering a three-play, 66-yard march capped by a 33-yard scoring pass to Leo Lewis.

Broncos 17, Rams 13

Denver Broncos backup quarterback Gary Kubiak completed nine of his first 10 passes, including an 18-yard touchdown to tight end Pat Kelly. An aggressive Bronco defense mounted two goal-line stands and kept the Rams out of the end zone until the closing minutes.

Gilbert sails through

LIVINGSTON, N.J., Aug 13, (UPI): After a nine-hour rain delay, second seed Brad Gilbert, playing near perfect tennis, overwhelmed fourth-seed Jim Courier 6-2 6-4 in the semifinals of the \$125,000 Grand Prix tournament.

In the other semifinal, Jason Stoltenberg of Australia beat Chris Bailey of England 6-4 6-3.

The matches were to begin yesterday afternoon but were delayed until 9 pm (0100 GMT today) when the Stoltenberg-Bailey contest began. But 40 min-

utes later there were more showers and play stopped at the outdoor courts. They moved five miles down the road to an indoor arena.

Gilbert, ranked ninth in the world, outplayed his fellow American Courier, ranked 36th, throughout their 66-minute match, which ended shortly after midnight.

"I hammered him, I just hammered him in all phases of the game," Gilbert said. Courier agreed. "Brad didn't make any mistakes at all," he said.

Kasparov crushes Korchnoi

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug 13, (AP): World chess champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union scored a crushing 23-move victory against Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland in the first round of the sixth and final Chess World Cup tournament yesterday.

Anatoly Karpov, the former world champion and the only player who can catch Kasparov in the series, quickly drew his game with the black pieces against Hungary's Gyula Sax.

In the second round today, Karpov will face off with the advantage of the white pieces against Kasparov. It will be their 131st game, in a record-shattering duel that has stretched over four world championship finals.

In order to topple his 26-year-old rival and seize first place for himself, Karpov, 38, needs to win the 15-round competition by a margin of one and a half points. A win scores a point and a draw a half.

"To win the World Cup, Karpov needs to defeat Kasparov on Sunday," said Alexander Rosch, a prominent Soviet chess commentator who edits the magazine 64.

For Kasparov, to win the World Cup would be an important reaffirmation of his superiority over Karpov.

Furthermore, a strong showing here could enable Kasparov to equal — or even pass — Bobby Fischer as the highest ranked player in history.

In an exciting opening round, four other players also achieved victories with white.

Nigel Short of England, the third ranked player in the world, defeated former world champion Mikhail Tal and Jaan Ehvest inflicted a devastating checkmating attack on fellow Soviet Rafael Vaganian.

Soviet grandmaster Valery Salov won convincingly against Predrag Nikolic of Yugoslavia and Lajos Portisch of Hungary won against his countryman Zoltan Ribli.

In the other games, England's John Nunn drew with Yasser Seirawan of the United States while the game between Ulf Andersson of Sweden and Robert Huebner of West Germany was adjourned.

Sabatini to take on Navratilova in final

MANHATTAN Beach, Calif., Aug 13, (UPI): Second seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina carved out a 6-4 6-2 victory over fourth-seed American Pam Shriver yesterday to advance to the final of the \$30,000 Los Angeles tennis tournament against top seed Martina Navratilova.

Navratilova rallied from 1-4 down in the second set to score a 6-1 6-4 win over third-seed American Zina Garrison in her 81-minute semifinal match.

After Shriver, ranked ninth in the world, took an early 2-1 lead from the third-ranked Sabatini in the first set, a power failure at the Manhattan Beach Country Club forced a 20-minute delay.

Sabatini, who leveled her career rivalry with Shriver at 5-5, took advantage of the only break point of the first set when she belted a topspin forehand past the outstretched arms of the fourth seed to take a 4-3 lead, which she consolidated by serving out the set.

Sabatini held her serve in the first game of the second set, but squandered two break points on ground-stroke errors in the second game. Sabatini came up with service breaks

in the third and seventh games as Shriver's aggressive game wilted.

Sabatini said that she was very confident with her hard court game and added that playing Shriver, a serve-and-volleyer, was good preparation for Navratilova.

"I feel good with my shots. My serve was good. I hit some good passing shots. That will be important in the final because Martina plays the same game only better," said Sabatini.

Navratilova cruised through the first set by winning the key points at the net.

She fell behind 0-2 early in the second set but turned the match when she won a crucial 26-point, 10 deuce service game by constantly attacking in the next.

"I just tried to hang in there on that long game between points. I felt winning that game kept me in the set even though I fell behind and had to come back," Navratilova said.

Garrison, playing an aggressive net game, captured the next two games to lead 4-1 before Navratilova turned up the heat and reeled off five straight games.

Sabatini came up with service breaks

Spectre of 5-0 defeat haunts Gower

LONDON, Aug 13, (Reuters): Neil Foster boosted Essex title chances with a spell of four wickets for no runs to help humble Lancashire out for 95 on the first day of their English County Championship match at Lytham yesterday.

Foster, discarded by England for joining the rebel team to South Africa, ended with four for 31. With fellow seamer Don Topley taking four for 33, Essex were well set to challenge Worcestershire for the title they lost two weeks ago.

Essex then showed there was nothing too wrong with the pitch by hammering 192 for the loss of only two wickets to take command of the three-day match.

Graham Gooch, who opted out of selection for England because of poor form, lashed 10 boundaries in scoring 68 before falling leg before to a slower ball from Phillip DeFreitas.

John Stephenson, who featured in an opening stand of 120 with Gooch, was still there at the close, unbeaten on 83.

Worcestershire looked in danger of faltering in their challenge to retain the title before Phil Neale produced a captain's innings of 98 to half a middle-order stump in their match against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

At the close, Worcestershire were 266 for eight.

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 13, (Reuters): The spectre of a 5-0 series defeat at home, unprecedented in 107 years of Ashes cricket against Australia, haunted England captain

SPORTS BRIEFS

Drug charges

BONN, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Egon Mueller, a top East German swimming official today dismissed allegations that drugs were used to boost the performances of the state's leading sports representatives and declared that his compatriots were sick of the subject.

Botham injured

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Doctors have warned England all-rounder Ian Botham he risks missing the final Test against Australia if he bats in the fifth Test at Trent Bridge tomorrow.

French soccer

PARIS, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Results of French First Division soccer matches yesterday:

Si Etienne	1	PSG	2
Caen	1	Monaco	1
Toulouse	1	Nantes	1
Nice	1	Marseille	1
Metz	2	Lyon	3
Montpellier	1	Auxerre	0
Racing Paris	2	Mulhouse	1
Sociedad	3	Cannes	0
Lille	0	Bordeaux	1
Toulon	2	Brest	0

Dutch matches

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Results of Dutch First Division soccer matches played this weekend at the start of the Netherlands competition:

FC Utrecht	3	Feyenoord	0
FC Volendam	1	Hazeltine	0
RKC	3	FC Groningen	1
MVV	2	Willem II	1
FC Twente	1	Roda JC	2
Sparta R	1	NEC	2
FC Den Haag	0	Ajax	4
Vitesse	1	Fortuna S	1

Filipino wins

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 13. (AP): Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay overpowered Austrian Horst Skoff, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4) to win the \$170,000 Czechoslovak Open Tennis Grand Prix here today.

Exhibition match

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Aug. 13. (AP): Diego Fernando Latorre scored the lone goal in the second half as Boca Juniors of Argentina beat the Japanese national team 1-0 today in the last game of a two-game exhibition series in Japan.

Rugby team

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Aug. 13. (AP): An all-star rugby team, including French, British and Australian players, will arrive in South Africa this week despite international pressure to stop it, rugby officials said today.

Calamati triumphs

SANSEPOLCRO, Italy, July 14. (AP): Italy's Efrem Calamati knocked out British veteran Klyton McKenzie midway through the seventh round last night to retain his European super lightweight crown.

Moneghetti wins

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 13. (AP): Australian Steve Moneghetti broke away late in Australia's leading road race, the 14-kilometre (8.75-mile) city to surf run, beating 33,000 other competitors for the victory today.

Motocross event

HYVINKAA, Finland, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Jean-Michel Bayle of France clinched the world 250 cc motocross championship after two dramatic battles with his closest challenger Pekka Vehkonen of Finland in the Finnish Grand Prix today.

One killed

SANTANDER, Spain, Aug. 13. (AP): One man was killed and five other people injured today when a car taking part in a mountain championship rally left the road and crashed into a group of spectators, traffic police said.

World title

KOLHENGEB, Luxembourg, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Britain's David Thorpe clinched his third World 500cc Motocross Championship by winning the Luxembourg Grand Prix today.

Top Nigerian soccer player dies in World Cup qualifier

LAGOS, Nigeria, Aug. 13. (AP): A top Nigerian soccer player brought home from his European club to play in a World Cup soccer qualifying match collapsed and died yesterday, government-controlled Lagos Radio said today.

It also reported the deaths of seven

fans from apparent suffocation in overcrowded stands. The fans died in separate incidents, reports said. There was no reported stampede.

Lagos Radio called for an investigation of the deaths of the fans, who were packed in the eastern end of the stadium, which was built to hold

80,000.

Sam Okwaraji, 24, who had just signed a contract worth \$500,000 with a Belgium club, was recalled for last night's contest against Angola. Ten minutes before the end of the match won 1-0 by Nigeria, Okwaraji collapsed and was rushed to a Lagos hospital. He

died a few minutes after arrival.

Effiong Okon, chairman of the Nigeria Football Association, said Okwaraji's death "is a tragedy. He was called to play for his country and he died."

Bala Ali, who was playing alongside Okwaraji, said, "he called me three

times. I did not know his was a serious trouble and I just thought it was an injury."

There were no signs of injury on his body and Lagos newspapers said it was suspected Okwaraji had suffered a heart attack.

Captain Stephen Keshi scored the

only goal for Nigeria with a header from a pass by Elim Esin seconds before the interval.

But Nigeria, who missed a first-half penalty, failed to take advantage when Angola were reduced to 10 men with Maluka Jesus being sent off in the 59th minute.

Mansell storms to victory

Senna 2nd in Hungarian Grand Prix

BUDAPEST, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Britain Nigel Mansell stormed to the most spectacular triumph of his career in today's Hungarian Grand Prix.

Starting from 12th place on the grid, Mansell curved his way through the field on one of the most twisting and difficult circuits in Formula One to claim a breathtaking and unexpected victory.

The win was Mansell's second of the season for Ferrari and the 15th of his career and witnessed by a vast, flag-waving army of ecstatic Italian fans.

"I think this has to be one of the best — if not the best — races of my career," said Mansell. "It was a terrific race to win and to drive in and was the most exciting I can remember in recent years."

Mansell finished more than 25 seconds ahead of Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna after overtaking the McLaren driver with 19 of the 77 laps remaining in

a breathtaking manoeuvre.

"I'd rather not think about it — I almost closed my eyes myself," said Mansell. "Ayrton was very close to the car in front and he had to brake hard when the driver ahead made a mistake."

Belgian Thierry Boutsen finished third in a Williams and world championship leader Alain Prost of France fourth in the second McLaren.

Mansell's win lifted him to third place in the drivers' championship with 34 points. Prost

has 56 and Senna 42.

"There are six races to go now and some of them are very good for Ferrari so anything can still happen in the championship," said Mansell. "I shall keep on driving to win races and hope for the best."

Italian Riccardo Patrese, starting from pole position in his Williams, led for 52 laps before being forced out by his overheating Renault engine.

His retirement allowed Senna and Mansell to storm through and fight out private duel for the lead in thrilling style until Mansell's daring and decisive move.

"I lost the lead because I had to brake hard behind (Stefan) Johansson," said Senna. "Nigel managed to get by. He might

have passed me towards the end anyway as I had bad tyre vibrations."

Mansell had also produced a startling piece of driving to pass Prost earlier and his drive was by far and most commanding seen in Formula One this season.

But it was a much less happy day for his Austrian team-mate Gerhard Berger who, after running fifth at mid-distance, was forced to retire with gearbox trouble.

Prost said he was troubled by an oil haze on his visor after following Patrese. "I had to drive off line to avoid it and that caused me to pick up debris on my tyres. Results

Race distance 77 laps (305.536

kms)

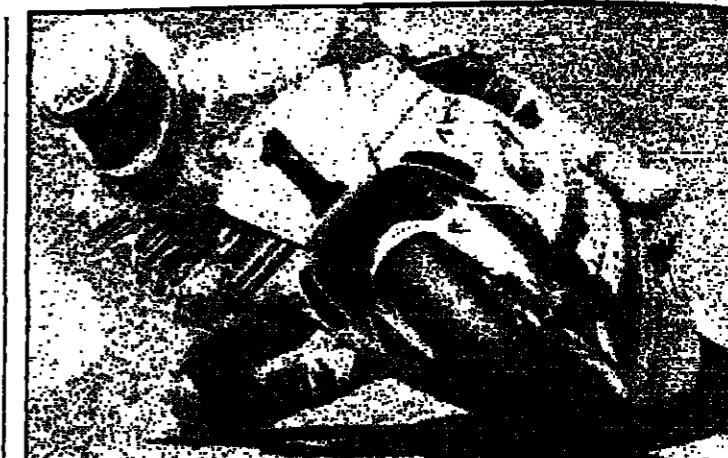
1. Nigel Mansell (Britain) Ferrari one hour 49 minutes 38.650 seconds (167.197 kph); 2.

Ayrton Senna (Brazil) McLaren 23.967 seconds behind; 3.

Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) Williams 38.354; 4. Alain Prost (France) McLaren 44.177; 5.

Eddie Cheever (US) Arrows 45.106; 6. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) Lotus 1:12.039; 7. Alex Caffi (Italy) Dallara 1:24.225; 8.

Emmanuele Pirro (Italy) Benetton (1 lap behind); 9. Jean Alesi (France) Tyrrell (1); 10. Derek Warwick (Britain) Arrows (1); 11. Stefano Modena (Italy) Brabham (1); 12. Martin Brundle (Britain) Brabham (2); 13. Jonathan Palmer (Britain) Tyrrell (4).



Lawson on his way to victory.

Rainey falls near end

Lawson triumphs

ANDERSTORP, Sweden, Aug. 13. (Reuter): World champion Eddie Lawson rode his Honda to victory in the Swedish 500 cc Motorcycle Grand Prix today after fellow-American and main rival Wayne Rainey fell trying to pass him with two laps to go.

Yamaha rider Rainey's failure to finish the race, the 13th of the 15-round world championship, allowed Lawson through to lead the standings.

Rainey was shadowing Lawson, who has won here three times and on each occasion gone on to win the world title, in the closing stages of the race, but failed attempting to overtake him two laps from the finish. He was unhurt.

Frenchman Christian Sarron finished second on a Yamaha ahead of 1987 champion Wayne Gardner of Australia, on a Honda.

Egypt defeat Malawi

CAIRO, Aug. 13. (Reuter): Egypt took over the lead in their World Cup qualifying group yesterday by scraping to a 1-0 victory over Malawi thanks to a goal by midfielder Hisham Abdel-Rasoul.

With their main group rivals Liberia losing to Kenya earlier in the day, Egypt moved to the top of the African Group B standings and nearer the chance of a playoff with the Group A winners for a place in next year's finals in Italy.

Egypt, who have only once reached the World Cup finals, went ahead in the 28th minute when striker Hossam Hassan put round a Malawi defender to score.



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